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By order,
G. GODFREY PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Shanghai, December 15, 1938.
13022

RE
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Deceased

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that creditors and others having claims against the Estate of the above deceased who died on February 16, 1934, should give notice thereof in writing to the under-signed, the Solicitors of Ernest Alfred Weekes, the Administrator of the Estate of the said Amanda Amelia Weekes deceased within two months from the date hereof after which time the administrator intends to distribute the estate of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which notice has then been received by the said solicitors.

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Shanghai, December 15, 1938.
13025

NOTICE

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By Order
F. A. NAYLOR,
Hon. Secretary.
13031

NOTICE

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from January 9, 1939, to January 16, 1939, both days inclusive.

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The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from December 16 to December 21, 1938, both days inclusive.

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Local Charities:

Newcomer Wants Facts

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—As a newcomer to Shanghai I should be interested in some information about the charity organizations of the city. What charitable organizations are in existence and how are the different charities apportioned? Who is cared for by the King's Daughters? What is the field of the Salvation Army? What organization is there for needy Russians, and how are the recently arrived German refugees being cared for? There is some committee, of course, looking after Chinese refugees—who would that be? Occasionally one has a generous impulse and would like to make a donation to some particular cause. And sometimes there is used clothing that one would like to dispose of to best advantage. Some information on this subject with a statement of relative needs would be greatly appreciated.

SYMPATHETIC.

Shanghai, Dec. 15.

That Spy Story:

Italian Mission's Denial

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—We are instructed by our clients, the Catholic Mission of Laochokow to write you in the following matter.

You have published in the issue of the 15th instant of your paper under the headline "CHINESE HOLD ITALIANS ON SPY CHARGES" a Reuter's cable from Chungking concerning the said mission.

Please note that the said news is false and tendencious. The Superior of the Mission of Laochokow is as a matter of fact actually not in Laochokow but in Shanghai on his way back from Rome. He has been working for the last fifteen years in this mission and has instructed us to emphasize that all the allegations are absolutely untrue and impossible as he knows the situation there from personal experience very well. The said mission has been in existence for the last 200 years and during all this time has attended to religious, educational, charitable and medical work only, is maintaining an orphanage for about 500 Chinese children and never had anything to do with politics.

The news published by Reuter's Agency is similar to the one which appeared a few months ago concerning an Italian priest in Kichow who was supposed to have committed the same offence whereas after due investigation by the authorities in Wuhang it was proved that an overzealous policeman took an old European coffee machine and two candlesticks for a radio-transmitter.

We therefore request you to be kind enough to publish this statement in such form as you think suitable in a prominent place in the next issue of your esteemed paper so as to maintain the good name of the Catholic Missions in China to which for many years hundreds of thousands of people owe their education, religious faith and possibility of life.

MUSSO, FISCHER & WILHELM.
Attorneys for the
Catholic Mission of Laochokow

Shanghai, Dec. 15.

Cinema Hours:

Seven O'Clock Show Wanted

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I wonder why the local cinema theatres do not feature a 7 p.m. performance. The 5.30 show is impossible for many office people and the 9 p.m. makes a late night. Most cities (where the shows are not continuous) feature a 7 o'clock performance which enables one to see most programmes in comfort and yet have an early night.

SLEEPYHEAD.

Shanghai, Dec. 15.

Y.M.C.A. Debates:

A Question Answered

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—In your Coming Events Column, there appears sometimes Foreign Y. Debate. I wonder if everyone is entitled to join the debate. If not, may I ask what are the prerequisites?

WIRELESS.

Shanghai, Dec. 15.

***The "North-China Daily News" is informed by the secretary of the Foreign Y.M.C.A. that anyone may join in the debates.—ED.

BY SAPAJOU

The Statues of the New and Old Worlds

Road Risks and Their Remedy

WHY RAILWAYS ARE SAFER THAN ROADS: THE NEED FOR BETTER DRIVING: JAY WALKING AND THE WHITE LINE

BY Sir ALFRED HERBERT, K.B.E., *Engineer*

Two young and promising members of our staff have recently lost their lives, to our great regret, and a large number of our people have suffered injuries—many of them of a very serious nature. I feel therefore it is my duty to write a few words of warning on this very important subject in the hope that I may help some of you to realise more completely the dangers which beset all who use the roads, and the need for clear thinking and constant care.

My qualification for giving advice is that I have been driving and using motor-cars for a greater number of years than anybody connected with this Company, in fact my experience started from the year one of the motor-car era.

In the early days the main troubles arose through mechanical causes. By the wonderful developments that have taken place mechanical defects have been almost completely eliminated and most of today's accidents arise from failure of the human element.

If the railways were to kill and injure even one-tenth as many people as the motor-car, a wave of indignation would sweep through the country and I think the rails would be torn up and the railway directors hanged on the signal posts.

Inadequate Driving Tests

Why is it that a railway carriage is about the safest place in the world, whereas the road is the most dangerous? I think the answer is that everyone connected with the railways is carefully trained in his duties from the start, realizes his responsibilities and knows that any failure on his part will inevitably be brought home to him by the most searching enquiry; whereas anyone who can get a driving licence and a motor-car is free to use the roads, however inexperienced and however badly qualified he may be, either mentally or physically, for the job, and when an accident occurs, there is always a sporting chance that the person responsible will escape punishment through one excuse or another, if he is lucky enough to survive.

In common with all moving bodies, motor-cars when in motion tend to continue in a straight line, until deflected by outside forces. The act of steering deflects the motor-car through the grip of the front tyres on the road. If the grip is insufficient the car refuses to steer and a front wheel skid results.

As the energy in a car moving at 40 miles an hour is four times as great as at 20 miles an hour, it follows that four times as much road grip is required to steer a car safely at the higher speed as at the lower.

Back wheel skid arises through the grip of the back tyres being insufficient to prevent the back of the car from slewing round when direction is changed, or when the brakes are applied hurriedly on a curve, and here again the tendency to skid is four times as great at 40 miles an hour as at 20.

In the early days tyres were smooth, roads were muddy or dusty, tyre grip was low and skids were frequent; consequently we got used to them and when they happened we were not taken by surprise and we knew more or less how to deal with them.

How to Skid Well

Modern tyres (provided they are not worn smooth) on roads dry and in good condition, give excellent grip, and skids at reasonable speeds are comparatively rare. But when roads are damp, muddy, covered with leaves or ice, and particularly when these conditions are combined with worn tyres, the liability to skid is considerable and varies all the time as the square of the speed. Skidding can only be avoided by lowering the speed to such a point that even the reduced tyre grip is sufficient to ensure control.

Fierce braking is also a fruitful source of skids, particularly on a curve, for if wheels are locked the side-way resistance of the tyres becomes much less than when they are revolving.

To avoid skids, therefore: (1) scrap your tyres before they have lost their grip; (2) watch the condition of the road, promptly, but gradually, reduce speed to a point where the danger disappears; (3) avoid, so far as possible, sudden changes of direction or fierce braking when skidding conditions exist.

An experienced driver can detect liability to skid before it becomes acute, through the lack of immediate response to steering wheel movements.

So much for the mechanical side of things: now let us think about the human side.

A motor-car is a very seductive thing: its high potential speed is attractive: it flatters the driver by giving him a sense of temporary superiority over people who have to crawl about on their feet. But, everyone who takes a motor-car on to the road and is lacking either in technical ability, mental or physical efficiency, or in good manners and consideration is a menace to himself, his passengers and to everyone else who encounters him, and is certain sooner or later to commit suicide, or manslaughter, or both.

Are You Guilty?

I think it is a fair assumption that at least three-quarters of the accidents are due to ignorance, carelessness, lack of attention, or the absence of good manners and politeness.

We are all familiar, or ought to be, with the rules of the road. The first thing is to obey them, but we cannot be sure that everybody we meet or overtake will be equally obedient, so we have to be prepared to deal with the failures of other people, as well as our own.

Let us take an example: suppose you are driving along a road and you see a motor-car standing on the offside of the road and another car approaching you in the distance; actually in these circumstances the road is yours and it is the duty of the approaching car to draw up behind the stationary car until you have passed, but will he? In my experience it is about an even chance that he won't. You have, therefore, to be prepared to keep your car under control so that if he does not stop, you can, before the crisis happens.

Here is an inscription on the tombstone of a motorist who was killed in similar circumstances:—

Here lies the body of William Jay,
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Now let us take another case: you are approaching a curve at a good speed; you are hoping you will find it free from obstruction, but will you? There is always a chance that another car or lorry may be stationary at exactly the wrong point and you must either crash into it, make an emergency stop with the possibility of skidding, or try to steer round it with the chance of meeting another car and crashing into that. The moral, of course, is to go round all curves at a speed which enables you to stop without difficulty, if necessary.

When in Doubt——

Now the ordinary question of overtaking: you have a car in front which you wish to overtake; in the distance is another car approaching; a momentary doubt flashes through your mind: "Is there time to get past, or not?" The doubt is sufficient answer: there is not time to get past, therefore be patient and wait till the oncoming car is safely out of the way. "When in doubt, don't."

Now a word about visibility: this means the distance you are able to see ahead clearly. It varies from a mile or more on a straight open road to perhaps two yards in a fog. How many people I wonder have met with accidents through crashing into an obstruction which they did not see in time to pull up? How can such accidents be avoided? Only by driving at such a speed as enables you to pull up safely within the existing limits of visibility, whatever they may be. If you can only see ten yards ahead, then obviously you must be able to pull up in six or eight yards, if you are going to be safe.

It is not enough to hope that you will be able to see the rear light of another vehicle on a dark and misty night. The rear light may be out. You must drive at such a speed that your own lamps will show up any obstruction in time to stop. In very foggy conditions I have found it best to dim the headlights, or even to switch them off, and rely on the side lights, but, of course, this means a crawl. A fog light low down on the nearside of your car is a great safeguard, not only in fog, but even in clear weather. When you dim your headlights the fog lamp shows up the nearside curb and any pedestrians or cyclists and it does not dazzle oncoming traffic.

Other users of the road have their duties as well as their rights. A pedestrian should keep to the footpath; and when crossing a road should always choose a proper crossing place, if there is one, if not he should not start until he has looked in both directions.

If, in the interest of safety, it is necessary to sound your horn, don't hesitate to do so even during prohibited hours. It is better to be fined for making a noise than for a more serious offence.

It is the fashion to say that speed has nothing to do with accidents because of the great ease of control of the modern car, but I think I have said enough to show that this is nonsense.

No one will ever know how many lives have been saved by the genius who invented the white line—let us take off our hats to him, whoever he was.

It is rather amazing that I have recently discovered a number of people who don't understand the white line business very thoroughly and who are puzzled because sometimes the white lines are "solid" and sometimes "dotted," so it may be useful to explain. When the white line is "dotted" it means that you may cross it to overtake another vehicle. But if the white line is "solid" it indicates that you may not cross it to overtake. You will find the line is solid on blind curves and where it is dangerous to overtake.

British Vessel Hit in Valencia Bombing

Valencia, Dec. 14.

The British steamer Stanholme was hit by bits of shrapnel today when Nationalist aircraft bombed the waterfront districts of Valencia this morning. No one was injured aboard the vessel, but there were three people killed and seven wounded in its immediate vicinity.—Havas.

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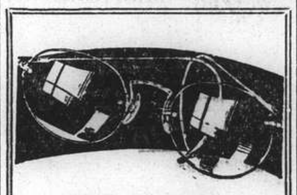

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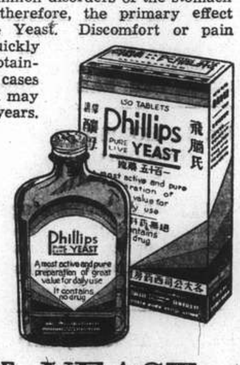

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WOMAN'S PAGE

A London Letter

By Olive Dun

London, Nov. 20.

The outstanding event (in two senses of the word) of the Rumanian Royal visit was the crinoline dress worn by the Queen at the State banquet at Buckingham Palace. Made of silver-grey satin, decorated with bands of Valenciennes lace, it was embroidered with glittering paillettes and diamanté. (I have copied that, of course from a society columnist, not on this occasion being in the party myself.) It is said to have measured 15 yards round the hem. With tiara, necklace and bracelets of large diamonds, her Majesty must indeed have been a brilliant figure. She wore another crinoline at the return banquet given by King Carol at the Rumanian Legation. The results are quickly seen in the snapshots since published of ladies of rank and fashion also appearing in crinolines.

In Paris, one gathers, the Queen's lead has been followed with the deepest interest. Articles are published to explain that the modern crinolines are constructed on a new design enabling them to fit without disarray or damage into motor cars. But one would think that depends on the size of the car. It is strongly emphasized that the crinoline demands a special gait in walking. As Lewis Carroll nearly wrote:

In it you must contrive to glide,
And gently sway from side to side;
Her Majesty can do it.

And, as the Parisian papers gallantly say, the Queen understands exactly how to excute the short shuffling footsteps which make the crinoline undulate in the correct billowy way. But this is only to emphasize once again, as with Gainsborough hats or Edwardian hairdressing, that if you revive old modes, you must cultivate old manners. Fashion must give way to deportment.

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Mannequins' Miseries

And in this connection there will be a good deal of sympathy for the mannequins (there are said to be no fewer than 6,000 of them) who are banding together to form a union in order to compel the dress shops to pay them better. The average wages of a mannequin in full work are said to be under £3 a week, and on that she has to live, to dress herself well and to supply herself with cosmetics and occasional taxis. Some of the leading mannequins say that the expenses of their job cost them fully £7 a week, without counting board and lodging. One girl is quoted as saying that in a tour she is about to make of the north of England she will have to display 500 dresses in three weeks. That means about 17 changes of frocks a day.

These facts came out at a preliminary meeting of the proposed union. The demands as framed at present are a minimum wage for the regulars of £3 a week, £1.1s a day for free lances, who are seldom much employed except in the "rush" seasons

"Post Munich" Styles for Young Parisians

A sailor hat, bearing the name of Chamberlain in gold letters, makes its appearance in France.

of special shows, taxis home after late fashion displays and compensation for time lost in going to and from displays. Whether the dressmakers will concede so much seems to depend on how far they can get their bills paid, and with everyone saying that income tax next year is going up to 7s. 6d., it would seem impossible to pay ready money and make both ends meet. But the thought of 6,000 determined young ladies on strike is enough to make the hardest employer look thoughtful. It recalls the old suffragette days.

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Lighter Living

One other feature of the Rumanian Royal visit may also be noted, namely the lightness of the menus at both the banquets I have mentioned. Even at the Guildhall luncheon given by the Lord Mayor, although the traditional baron of beef was served, the only other really solid dish was a preparation of pheasants. At Buckingham Palace there were chicken and partridges as well as roast lamb, but the dinner only ran to seven courses. At the Rumanian Legation there was caviar specially brought by aeroplane from Bucharest, but the heaviest courses were only ham and quails. The disappearance of the colossal stoking of bygone days is a commonplace. But now a new tendency is visible among the young, namely to prefer simple things to made and many-sauced dishes. A helping from a generous cold sirloin with a tankard of ale and a bit of cheese to follow brings that glistening look in the eye which betokens real enjoyment far more readily than timbales and chaudfroids. It sounds very Dickensian: one thinks of the Cheeryble Brothers and old Fezziwig. But the explanation is more prosaic than that. In our pillbox flats and kitchenettes, large joints are simply impossible; kickshaws are the only things for which there is room; the plain food of the ample kitchen range order becomes the real treat.

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Craftswomen

The handicraft exhibition of the National Federation of Women's Institutes has been attracting many visitors this week including the Queen and Queen Mary. Here may be seen wonderful specimens of needlework, including many difficult old stitches which were becoming a lost art until the Women's Institutes revived them. There are many of the loveliest quilts imaginable, some of them deftly and beautifully designed patchwork made of odds and ends left over from large pieces of stuff, rugs of many colours and designs, admirably made gloves, and of course every sort of thing that knitwork can produce. There is also a "thrift section," excellent chairs made from old casks, aprons for field and farmyard work made from discarded sacks, and very serviceable children's shoes built up from odd scraps of leather and cloth. If the Women's Institutes can teach the English housewife not to be wasteful, her greatest reproach will be taken away.

Apart from the usual type of work associated with women, some of the exhibitors show remarkable skill as carpenters and even mechanics. One of them has made a mahogany workbox as a present for Princess Elizabeth, which would do credit to the best craftsmen in London, and another has built a little theatre, showing a children's party in Victorian days: all the little dolls dance about automatically to the tune of "You should see me dance the Polka" and the furniture and pictures are exact copies of Victorian originals.

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Better Housing

Side by side with the Women's Institutes' display, the Building Centre in Bond Street has been showing some of the furniture used in the workmen's model flats at the Glasgow Exhibition—furniture, that is, expressly designed for working-class people. It is the sort of stuff which many householders in London who would not rank themselves in the working classes should be glad to possess—very plain in design but of excellent well-seasoned woods, oak, ash and, for parlour pieces, mahogany, solidly built. The prices seemed rather high for the class of buyer for whom they are meant, but I am told that the Scottish working classes show their true sense of economy by insisting, whenever humanly possible to do so, on having furniture that will last a lifetime. There are few extravagances so silly as buying cheap furniture, as many a young couple are finding to their cost, having been tempted to acquire, at what seemed very low prices, showy-looking sets which fall to pieces long before the instalment money is paid off.

Furniture, and housing, remind one that early in December we shall be observing the centenary of that splendid woman pioneer, Octavia Hill. To the modern generation she is little more than a name, if even to many of them so much as that. Yet no one has done more for the reform of houses of the working class The daughter of a Wisbech banker, she was one of the first to realize that bad housing breeds bad habits. In 1864 she borrowed money from Ruskin and with it bought three houses in which she set out to demonstrate that working-class people can be housed, not only wholesomely, but even to a modest extent artistically, at rents which will pay a fair return. In the exhibition of Octavia Hill relics, which is being arranged for her centenary, nothing is more interesting than her reports on the hideous conditions under which vast masses of the lower orders lived a century or less ago. You may see what those conditions were in such novels as "Sybil" and "Mary Barton."

The ideals for which Octavia Hill fought have been realized today in the splendid workmen's dwellings to be seen on Millbank, in St. Pancras and elsewhere. But the struggle against slums, ardently as it is pursued by many public bodies today, contains new difficulties, the chief of which is the reluctance of the inmates to go away from the neighbourhood of their work.

Christmas Toys in Caledonian Market

Taken at the end of November, the photograph shows well-drilled Londoners shopping early for Christmas in Caledonian Market. Each year this famous North London pedlars' market holds a sale of Christmas toys which draws crowds of people.

A. W. C.

The Music Department of the American Women's Club will provide a varied and enjoyable entertainment at the Club on Tuesday, December 20, at 4.45 p.m. The programme will consist of:

Vocal Solos: Mr. Armand C. Bouchard
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Vocal Solos: Miss Myra Bancroft Olive
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Tea will be served as usual at four o'clock.

Russian Women's League Sale of Work

The annual Christmas sale of work will be held at the headquarters of the Russian Women's League, 359 Route Cardinal Mercier, tomorrow from 2-6 p.m. and on Sunday from 10-6 p.m. Artistic embroidery, flowers, and many other pleasing things will be offered for sale and will commend themselves to those in search of Christmas gifts.

"Goldmarie und Pechmarie"

A Fairy-Tale Play for the Children

Tomorrow afternoon at 3 p.m. at the Lyceum Theatre there will be a matinée of the German Amateur Dramatic Society's fairy-tale play, "Goldmarie und Pechmarie," children being admitted at half price. A full English synopsis will be supplied with each programme. In order to show the charm of the story an abridged synopsis is given here:—

Act I

Once upon a time there was a prince named Fridolin who was bewitched by his wicked aunt because she wanted to be queen of his kingdom. In this kingdom lived a widow with her idle daughter Pechmarie and her pretty and thrifty step-daughter Goldmarie. She made Goldmarie do all the work and every day she had to spin so much that her fingers began to bleed. This covered her spindle with blood and one one day she dipped it into the well to wash it and by mistake dropped it in. When her step-mother heard about this she said, "If you have been so silly as to let the splindle fall in, you must get it out again." So poor Goldmarie went back to the well to try, and fell in herself and sank to the bottom senseless.

Act II

When she woke up and looked round she found she was in a beautiful meadow with people like Little Red Riding Hood, Tom Thumb, Snow White and Sleeping Beauty round her. They all wanted to help her and they told her she had better go to Mother Holle who was always kind to those who have been good.

She went to Mother Holle on a rainbow and told her all about the spindle. Good Mother Holle said she would help her but first she must make herself useful in the house and shake the feather beds outside the door so that the people below would say it was snowing. She was very comfortable with Mother Holle but she felt rather homesick, so by and by she asked if she might go home and, as she had been good, she was allowed to go.

Mother Holle had a little bird in a cage, which was really Prince Fridolin who could only be freed by some one from the earth with a good and kind heart. Goldmarie asked if she could have the little bird because she loved it so. When she was talking to it she said with all her heart, "I love you!" and the spell broke and Prince Fridolin appeared and disappeared into the clouds.

Acts III and IV

Now the play goes back to Prince Fridolin's kingdom where the wicked aunt and her husband are just going to be crowned king and queen.

However, Prince Fridolin has come back and been recognized by one of the soldiers and the coronation is stopped. But the Prince is still in a kind of trance and all he wants is to find Goldmarie. So he sends out his soldiers to bring to him all the girls who are named Goldmarie.

Meanwhile Goldmarie arrives back on earth and as she comes through the city gate a shower of gold falls on her and a fairy puts on her a gold frock and gives her back the spindle, which the king of the frogs has found in the well.

When her step-mother heard her story she wanted the same luck for her idle daughter Pechmarie. So Pechmarie sat down to spin, and scratched her finger, covered the spindle with blood, threw it down the well, jumped after it, and everything happened to her just as it did to Goldmarie. But Pechmarie was so lazy that Mother Holle bundled her off home again, and instead of gold falling on her from the city gate, tar fell on her instead and made her all black.

Act V

And when she got back the coronation of Prince Fridolin and Goldmarie was taking place, for the soldiers had found her for him. So Goldmarie became a queen and she and her husband lived happily ever after.

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Spread a damp cloth over the plate rack on the gas stove. This prevents the smell of cooking from affecting the rest of the house.

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Fashion Bursts into Flower

Never was there such a season for flowers in London and Paris, By day you wear them in bunches which seem like giants in comparison with the modest boutonnières of former years. You pose them on those quaint little Edwardian muffs which are designed to take your handbag accessories in their zip-fastened insides. (A particularly snappy example seen the other day was a sausage-shape of black fur cloth decorated with a flat felt bow.)

In the evening there is no limit to the fantasy of flower fashion.

In the current dress collections what do we find? Violets, violets and again violets—not only the colour, which is right in the forefront of the new mode, but the flower itself, used in a myriad ways to emphasize the Edwardian fashion picture.

Paris collections show, for day, a violet blouse with a light plum-coloured suit; a wide-sleeved violet coat over a vivid cerise tulip-neck dress; a violet watered silk afternoon dress with a jade belt and short, square-shouldered sleeves. A bunch of fresh violets is the right flower choice for each of these.

The evening colour accent is on viclet—and violets—again.

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In London now, florists are busy making up these big, long-stemmed, sweet-scented Princess of Wales violets from the West Country into all kinds of ornaments to wear with evening dresses. They cost only about a shilling for a big bunch, but all the skill of the exclusive West End flower artists go into their presentation.

They are mounted on bold Spanish combs to go with Edwardian coiffures. Delicate and lovely violet ornaments are threaded into high-piled hair. Violets are used for flexible wire cut gowns.

They are studded as a fragrant de-sprays to run round the top of low-coration over an evening fan. They are made into choker necklaces, bracelets and earrings, and into bands for decorating the evening handbag or placing across the back of the gloves.

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Many flowers would not last an evening if they were mounted in this way. Fresh Princess of Wales violets do.

At Goodyear's, where they are busy making up violets in all these different ways, they created a pretty scheme for a bride's attendants—heart-shaped muffs made entirely of violets. These muffs would be charming to wear with a violet evening dress.

Most popular evening bouquet is a loosely-gathered spray of long-stemmed violets with a gardenia or a deep red rose in the centre.

It measures five or six inches across, for the regal period dresses women are wearing now demand a big bunch, worn at the front of the corsage or at the waist.

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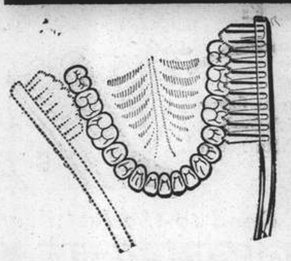

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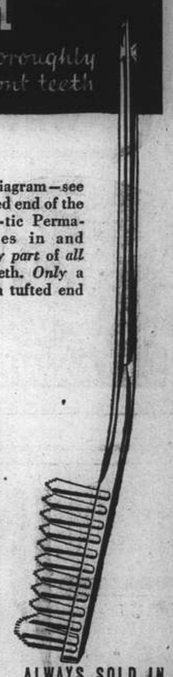

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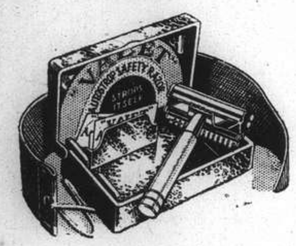

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BIRTH

CHISHOLM.—On December 15, 1938, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Chisholm, a daughter, RHONA STUART. (Both well.)

ENGAGEMENT

LEES—SCOTT-MORRIS.—The engagement is announced between FRANK LENTHALL LEES, younger son of the late Mr. J. P. Lees and Mrs. Lees of Cheadle-Hulme, Cheshire, and LORNA LETITIA, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Scott-Morris of Foochow, China. 13036

DEATHS

SILVA.—On Monday, December 12, 1938, at Shanghai, LUIZ CONSTANCIO DA SILVA, aged 9 years, and on Thursday, December 15, MARIA MELINA DA SILVA, aged 6½ years, the dearly-beloved children of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. da Silva. Removed to parlours of the International Funeral Directors, 207 Kiaochow Road. Funeral services will be held tomorrow, Saturday, December 17, at Bubbling Well Cemetery, at 4 p.m. (Hongkong and Macao papers please copy.) 13027

IMPARTIAL NOT NEUTRAL

PROTECTING THE GULL

It is to be hoped that the British government's proposals for dealing with share-pushers, included in the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Bill which has been read a second time in the House of Commons will not be too seriously mauled when passing through the committee stage, for the measure has been designed with great care with the idea of hampering as little as possible the operations of honest men, while permitting of effective treatment of the rogue. It is something in the nature of an anti-climax, that in this age it should be necessary for a Government to act in order to save a fool from his folly, but the success with which share-pushers have fleeced large numbers of the unsuspecting public of huge sums of money clearly proves that such legislation is necessary. That this is so is evidenced from the fact that the notorious Jacob Factor is estimated to have acquired no less a sum than £1,000,000 during eighteen months' activity in England, to have succeeded in escaping to the United States and to have fought off all efforts for his extradition, while during the debate on the second reading, it was alleged that rogues responsible for these get-rich-quick schemes have succeeded in defrauding the British public of as much as £5,000,000 in a year. Human nature being what it is, with the desire for easy money, reinforced by an almost incredible gullibility, it has become necessary for the State to protect these people who fall in hordes before the persuasive tongues of the high-powered salesmen who are used in this racket. Sir Arthur Bodkin's Committee which was appointed to go into the matter in 1936 made as their main recommendations: (1) the registration of all those carrying on business of dealing in stocks and shares: (2) action to prevent circularization for the purpose of getting people to enter into agreements to buy shares; and (3) amendment of the Larceny Act so as to deal with the definition of false pretences. Registration will precede the issuance of licences by the Board of Trade which will be empowered to establish from time to time regulations, etc., under which such businesses shall be carried on. Thus they will be able to deal with the approach of canvassers to non-clients which is so necessary if the share-pusher is to succeed, and it is hoped that eventually a system will be built up which will not only circumvent these very ingenious gentry but provide for increased punishment should they be so ill-advised as to continue their evil courses.

Thus while it may not be possible to prevent all the irregularities to which the Press has repeatedly drawn attention, the fact that the penalty for making any false or misleading statement, promise or forecast will be increased from two to seven years should have a completely deterrent effect. The Government in drafting the Bill consulted City interests, and the latter were prepared to accept certain inconveniences and some loss of dignity provided that by doing so the practice of share-pushing would be stopped. It is more than a little regrettable that coincident with the introduction of this legislation the Government has not thought fit to embark upon amendment of the libel law. Experience has shown that when newspapers in the course of their work have sought to expose these swindlers, the more daring of them, and those with most money at stake, have been able to avail themselves of the provisions of the law of libel as they stand at present to prevent a continuance of a newspaper's revelations, by filing an action which they never intended to prosecute. It is to be said for some of the journals engaged in the exposure of Jacob Factor that they were not intimidated by such action, and it was the courageous manner in which they faced possible actions for contempt of court which led to the final exposure of this man whom the British authorities would greatly like to have within their jurisdiction. It is claimed that the "Daily Mail" has spent no less a sum than £50,000 in exposing such rascals, but in doing so it has exposed itself to actions for libel, costly enough to prepare against, but which were never ultimately taken into court, because in the meantime these swindlers had succeeded in making the money they were after. The work of protecting widows and pensioners from the share-shark is a task more for the law than the Press, but in the past it has been found that the latter in its very correct endeavours as the public watchdog has been hampered and penalized by the law of libel in a manner which should never have been allowed to occur.

There would be much in the contention that if people are betrayed by their own cupidity it is their fault, but it must be remembered that astute men of the world very often fail to realize when the confidence trick in its many forms is being worked on them, and if they can be fooled how much easier must it be for the very plausible share-pusher to gull those unworldly types which still exist in uncomfortable proportions? Obviously, with the provision that people dealing in stocks and shares have to be licenced, and registered, a very early remedy is placed in the hands of the authorities, for the dissemination of fraudulent circulars by an unregistered and unlicenced person will be in itself a crime for which punishment is provided. This at least should serve to put a quick termination to the activities of such people. There appears to be one weakness in the Bill with regard to the rogue who is described as "knowingly or recklessly" making misleading statements. It places upon the authorities the onus of proving the man did know and was reckless of the falsity of his statements, where it would have been better to assume that the fact of the statements being false at the time they were made threw upon the defendant the onus of proving his ignorance of that fact. That, it might be claimed, is too much at variance with the spirit of the law, as requiring a defendant to prove a negative, but, where as in such cases the whole point at issue is fraud, it does not seem too unreasonable that the defendant should be called upon to prove every indication of his alleged innocence. It is possible that during the committee stage certain weaknesses which have already been shown by critics of the proposed enactment will be tightened up. It is quite clear that if the criminals at whom this legislation is aimed, realize that the new law will make it exceedingly difficult to "get away with it" they will be reluctant to run the great risk of receiving a very salutary sentence of imprisonment. For this reason it is suggested that the preventive side of this Bill should receive further attention. Indeed that is imperative, for while it is satisfactory to know that specialists in this sort of crime will receive their just deserts, it would be preferable to make sure that their expected victims will be protected by adequate deterrents.

Parliamentary Interlude

The process of the government of a huge Empire halted for a short while in the House of Commons one day towards the end of November. Mr. J. R. Remer, Macclesfield, is most certainly not one of "yon lean Cassius" type, being in fact somewhat generously proportioned, so much so that he found it impossible to close the door of one of the new telephone boxes provided in the corridors of the House, if he sat on the seat provided. "Come out and test it for yourself," he remarked to Sir Philip Sassoon, the definitely slim First Commissioner of Works. Sir Philip accepted the invitation. Mr. Remer eased himself into a booth, and sat down, but some of him prevented the door being closed. Sir Philip then entered the box, and found that despite his lesser proportions the door could only be closed if he stood up to close it. So official action had to be taken. The result is that a notice bearing the following legend has been affixed inside the doors: "Will Members please stand up before closing the door, and then sit down." Acute observers will perceive much of interest in this short anecdote. Most apparent is the fact that the First Commissioner of Works is not throwing money about, as he would be if he had issued orders for larger booths to be constructed. Indeed he has so arranged it that hon. members will have to adjust themselves to the accommodation provided instead of plunging the country into unnecessary extravagance, and if telephone booths do not fit members, members will have to fit telephone booths. It is of course only in this spirit of give and take that the business of Empire can be carried on, and it is pleasing to note that after this short interlude that task has again been resumed.

Booms and Barriers

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, diplomatically evaded a direct answer to a question regarding the Kiangyin boom asked in the House of Commons on Thursday. He was asked whether the British Government proposed to direct the Navy to remove the boom across the Yangtze at Kiangyin. Mr. Butler replied that the Japanese Government claimed the boom was opened only sufficiently to provide for the passage of Japanese warships and transports and that the difficulties of the position were under review. Of course, it is unnecessary to point out that it is possible to remove the Kiangyin boom but naturally it would be unwise for any Government to attempt to do it without the approval of the Japanese Government. The booms erected by the Chinese across different waterways in this country have been conveniently maintained as physical obstacles to the legitimate demands of Foreign Powers for the opening of these waterways to ordinary commercial navigation but it should not be presumed that they constitute insuperable obstacles. Kiangyin has been opened sufficiently wide for large Japanese vessels, including warships and steamers, and it is understood will be able to pass a fleet of ten commercial ships which the new Japanese mercantile enterprise proposes to use to inaugurate their Yangtze service next month. It is no secret that if any extraordinary difficulty in removing this boom is experienced by the Japanese in view of naval and military preoccupations elsewhere the Foriegn Powers are perfectly willing to take over the job and free the Yangtze from this impediment to navigation. But like the boom across the Whangpoo off Nantao, the Japanese do not consider it expedient to remove it but rather permit it to remain as a convenient geographical boundary. The only work undertaken on the Nantao boom has been with the idea of salvaging for future use the Japanese steamers seized by the Chinese and sunk there, but, as this has not yielded much, the boom remains. Were it within Japanese intention to open these waterways the booms would represent interesting destruction jobs in which other Powers would gladly co-operate.

A COUNTRY DIARY

December 15.—"Sister" happens to be a small Malayan bear living in the Jessfield Zoo: there is nothing showy about Sister....just a small black bear with a brownish face and a half-moon mark of brown on her chest.... scientific friends refer to her as *Ursus malayanus*, or something of that sort, but she doesn't mind: she happens to be that same bear which gave me so much amusement when our last snowstorm occurred and when she, poor thing, stood on her hind legs and poured the snow through her front paws as if she were saying, "now what is this all about?" Anyway she has character as this story will prove. The other morning I walked through the Zoo and found her digging in the ground in the most determined manner: she had discovered there was some barbed-wire buried below her little compound....perhaps a relic of some bygone war....and she was determined to get rid of it: she dug away with her front paw (left-handed) and bared the hidden wire with her right paw as she did so: every now and then she would pause to take a pull at at the wire: odd bits came up and scratched her face, dug into her paws and generally injured her....but she did no more than blink an eye: with superhuman strength she tugged at the wire until, to my astonishment, she pulled out a great tangle of rusty barbed-wire about two feet square in measurement. Having cast it across her little domain, she walked round it, sniffed it, and went back to her den to sleep: something attempted, something done, she sought a day's repose. And here is the queer sequel. Ever since that morning she has gone out and dug another hole; having found a lot of trouble by accident, she now goes out daily to look for it. Isn't that like the sex? Anyway, I shall take her out some sugar, the nearest thing to honey which is the favourite food of Malayan bears.

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Cauliflower

A BOXING writer says certain types of men are earmarked for the ring.

Others, of course, are just earmarked.

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Sally

OF all the girls who are so smart
There's none like pretty Sally!
She is the darling of my heart—
She drives straight down the alley.

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Medicine

"QUICK John, bring the whisky. Your mistress has fainted."

"Very good, sir. And shall I bring mistress anything?"

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"ONE of the most absent-minded men I know is a famous golfer," says a gossip writer. When in town we understand he is followed by a caddie with a bag of umbrellas to replace the ones he leaves somewhere.

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"Chop"

A TRAMP called at a cottage, and instead of being turned away with harsh words, he was asked kindly by the owner, "How would you like a nice chop?"

"That all depends, lady," replied the tramp suspiciously. "Is it lamb, pork, or wood?"

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Social Error

IN a badly-lit café, seafaring men smoked and drank their rum. Suddenly a huge man burst through the doors.

"Is there anyone here called Pederson?" he roared.

No one spoke. A few customers began to edge their way towards the door uneasily.

"Is there anyone here called Pederson?" he demanded again.

A very small, timid man rose from a table in one corner and said: "Yes, my name is Pederson. Who wants me?"

"Oh, so you're Pederson, are you?" growled the man-mountain. "I've a debt to settle with you."

He strode across the room, picked up the little man with one hand and battered him senseless with the other. He then dropped him on the floor and left the café.

Twenty minutes later the little man recovered consciousness, painfully got up, smiled, and feebly said aloud: "I thought I could fool him. My name is not Pederson."

THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

Yesterday	Min.	43.5	Max.	57.0
Same date, 1937	Min.	41.0	Max.	58.0

Rainfall nil.

Temperature at Siccawei:—

Yesterday	Min.	43.7	Max.	59.4
Same date, 1937	Min.	38.1	Max.	61.0

Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 14th:—Moderate anticyclone over China; high presures ove. Siberia and Manchuria; depression over Mongolia. Variable winds and fine weather over northern and central China. Overcast getting cloudy and winds from the northern quadrant over our regions. Regular winter monsoon and overcast to cloudy weather with local showers at sea.

State on the morning of the 15th:—Normal and unsteady pressure over China, rather high over Japan.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Fine and cloudy weather overcast at times with variable breezes over northern China, northerly to easterly over central China and our regions. Moderate monsoon from the north-eastern quadrant and overcast to cloudy weather with local morning mist along the Coast and at sea.—Siccawei Observatory.

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France Flatly Rejects Italian Claims

French Foreign Minister Reaffirms Solidarity With Great Britain ; Sino-Japanese Hostilities Endanger European Rights; Issue International

Paris, Dec. 14.

THE Far Eastern conflict and its effect upon foreign interests in China, the close Franco-British entente, and the new Franco-German "non-aggression" Declaration were matters dealt with today by M. Georges Bonnet, the Foreign Minister, in his speech before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Deputies. He admitted that Sino-Japanese hostilities had imperilled European interests in China, but added that the question was not especially a French problem but rather one of international scope.

M. Bonnet then recalled the words of the British Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, that "Our relations with France are so close as to go beyond mere legal obligations as they are founded upon an identity of interests." In reply, M. Bonnet said he could only repeat the words of M. Yvon Delbos, then Foreign Minister, who had answered a speech made by the then British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, at Leamington, on December 4, 1936, M. Bonnet reiterated M. Delbos' words, "I declare in the name of the French Government that all the forces of France would immediately and spontaneously be utilized for the defence of Great Britain in the event of unprovoked aggression."

In a communique published at the close of the Foreign Affairs Committee meeting, it was also recalled that during Mr. Chamberlain's visit to Paris, M. Bonnet had resumed Franco-British governmental conversations.

The communique stressed that never was the Franco-British entente closer than today. It pointed out the solidarity of the two countries both in diplomatic action and in national defence.

Dealing with M. Bonnet's speech, it said that the Foreign Minister emphasized the importance of the new Franco-German "non-aggression" declaration, which "permits hope for the development of political and economic relations between the two countries."

M. Bonnet pointed to the statements made to the press by Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, Reich's Foreign Minister, at the time of his visit to Paris. These statements showed that there are no essential difficulties in the way of rapprochement between the two nations.

Italian Claims Rejected

Turning to the recent Italian "claims" upon France, M. Bonnet asserted that it should be clearly understood that France would never agree to surrender the slightest part of her territory to Italy. Any such claim would only lead to war.

M. Bonnet recalled that Count Galeazzo Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, had told the French Ambassador in Rome that the Italian Government assumed no responsibility for the incident in the Italian Chamber on November 30. It was then that Deputies shouted out their "claims" for Tunisia.

M. Andre Francois-Poncet, French Ambassador, drew Count Ciano's attention to this demonstration. And he received the reply that the Italian Government could be responsible only for their own declarations.

Plight of German Jews

After dealing with this subject, M. Bonnet passed on to the serious plight of the German refugees. He said that he was contemplating several means of helping these people.

Solutions in mind might include the establishment of a certain number of refugees in the French colonies and the admission of some refugees into France if the United States and Great Britain did the same. M. Bonnet also said that he was envisaging a proposal for the organization of a special committee to deal with the problem of abandoned children.

Stand on Spain Unchanged

Reverting to Herr von Ribbentrop's recent visit here, M. Bonnet declared during his conversations with the German statesman, he had specified that the French Government were decided to abide by the Non-Intervention Committee's decisions upon the withdrawal of foreign volunteers in Spain.

He had also told Herr von Ribbentrop that the grant of belligerency rights depended upon the fulfillment of the conditions set by the London organization.

In reply, the Reich's Foreign Minister stated that by December 6, there would be only 3,000 or 3,500 German volunteers remaining in Spain and that all these would be stationed behind the lines.

In concluding his speech before the Chamber Committee today, M. Bonnet finally asserted that France still considers her 1935 accord with Italy as valid.

Sea Routes to Be Defended

The French Government are determined to ensure the protection of their "imperial roads on the seas," and are assigning eighty per cent. of their naval credits towards new construction projects which will maintain French communication lines.

M. Cesar Campinchi, Navy Minister, made this declaration before the Military Committee of the Chamber of Deputies in a speech this afternoon.

He added that the French Navy will total more than 700,000 tons of shipping in 1942. He revealed that an aircraft-carrier, the Joffre, has been in the construction yards since November 22 this year.—Havas.

German Support for Italy

Paris, Dec. 15.

It is stated in the lobbies that the Foreign Minister expressed solid satisfaction with Mr. Neville Chamberlain's speech at the Foreign Press Association dinner.

As to Italian territorial claims, it is asserted that he declared that Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, on his recent visit to Paris, limited himself to a statement that Germany intended to remain loyal to the Rome-Berlin axis but had no direct interest in the Mediterranean.

Questioned about Germany's intentions in Eastern Europe, particularly in the Ukraine, the Foreign Minister replied that some statements made on the subject appeared to have been exaggerated.

Not everything said on the subject, he asserted, should be taken literally.—Reuter.

Japan Expected to Adjust "Door"

Britain and U.S. Will Be Informed of Details Of "New Principle"

Tokyo, Dec. 15.

Japan's fundamental policy, in view of the new situation in East Asia, will never be affected by the reported stiffening attitude of Great Britain and the United States, which suggests a possible joint front by the two countries against Japan in the form of financial assistance to China and also economic reprisals against Japan, says the "Asahi Shimbun" today.

The journal believes that Mr. Hachiro Arita, the Foreign Minister, will give to the British and American Ambassadors in Tokyo, in their next interviews, a more definite explanation of Japan's fundamental policy.

This policy, the "Asahi Shimbun" declares, is not designed to close the economic door in China against third Powers, but is based on the guiding principle that the policy of the Open Door and Equal Opportunity, in China, must be modified in accordance with the new situation in East Asia, which has liquidated old diplomatic ideology or international agreement, including the Nine-Power Pact.

The newspaper understands that the Japanese Government holds that the rights and interests of third Powers in China must be regulated by the new order in East Asia.—Reuter.

"Manchester Guardian" View

London, Dec. 15.

"It is, of course, one thing for Japan to denounce the Nine Power Treaty and quite another thing for her to get away with it," says the "Manchester Guardian" in a leader today.

"The United States Government," the paper adds, "is known to be particularly determined that she shall not do so, and it is obvious that both Great Britain and the United States are in a position to take retaliatory measures.

"The key to the situation is obviously Britain—that Britain which, under a National Government, is yielding to aggression throughout the world.

"If Great Britain can be persuaded by threats to agree to the revision of the Nine Power Treaty and recognise the 'new order' in East Asia, might not the United States be forced to fall into line?

Japan's Pressure Policy

"Suppose that a Nine-Power Conference were called at the request of the United States Government, and that it was found that Great Britain, France and the Netherlands, all fearful for their Far Eastern possessions, were ready to give up their rights in China, what then?

"Certainly, the plan is worth trying, indeed, it is already being tried.

"The Japanese have closed the Yangtze, despite British protests. They have cut off Hongkong from the mainland, and are now in a position to starve it out.

"More serious still is the threat to co-operate in joint action with Germany and Italy. The Anti-Comintern Pact is already reinforced by cultural pacts. What if it were to be strengthened by a military alliance?

"Now, while Italy bullies France, and Germany menaces Great Britain, Japan gives the turn screw in the Far East.

"For this situation, the British and French Governments are largely themselves to blame.

Fear of Threats Shown Early

"From the beginning of the war, they have shown their fear of Japan, and have given in to her threats.

"When Japan discovered, at Changkaofeng that the Russians, for all their weaknesses, were not prepared to yield to aggression, it was but natural that she turn with renewed vigour against those who apparently were.

"It is not generally realized how far this bullying has gone."

After referring to Japanese threats against France, regarding the alleged passage of arms from Indo-China through to Yunnan, the "Manchester Guardian" states that fortunately the British Government has yet proved quite so amenable, but great pressure was now being exercised. It was, of course, essential that it should be resisted.

"The only policy that can have success is a show of firmness in China—and in Europe—and to co-operate closely with the United States Government.

"As long as Great Britain and the United States maintain a common front in the Far East, Japan can do little.

"In this way, we may yet save our interests in China and, what is more important, China herself."—Reuter.

Fascists May Not Join War Veterans Union

Rome, Dec. 14.

Signor Achille Starace, Secretary of the Fascist Party, decided today to forbid any Fascist to join the War Veterans' Union "Italia-Francia" or the Parliamentary group of that organization.—Havas.

"N.C.D.N." Photos.

Kuling Foreigners Arrive in Shanghai

A party of forty-one foreigners, who have been stranded in Kuling, summer mountain resort in the Lushan Mountains, arrived in Shanghai yesterday aboard the Japanese army transport Omi Maru. Picture (top left) shows (from left to right) Mr. and Mrs. Steed, Mr. and Mrs. Fischbacher and Miss Wilson all of the China Inland Mission, shortly after their arrival, and (top right) Mrs. G. Nystrom (Swedish) with her son Gunnar. The lower pictures show (left Mr. L. J. Bahr (German) shaking hands with a Japanese officer and (right) some of the China Inland Mission party boarding a truck conveying them and their belongings to the Mission headquarters in Shanghai.

Reich Will Build 35,000-Ton Ship

German Navy Strength Disclosed ; New Ship To Be Largest of All

Kiel, Dec. 15.

Germany is to construct a new 35,000-ton battleship as the next addition to the Reichs Navy, it was revealed here today.

The battleships Gneisenau, which was recently completed and Scharnhorst, which is still under construction, both have a displacement of 26,000 tons so that the new ship will be the largest in the German Navy. The aeroplane carrier Graf Zeppelin, which was recently launched, and her sister ship, which is still on the stocks, are in 19,250-ton class.

The construction programme also includes two light cruisers and six additional cruisers with a total displacement of 35,400 tons. The destroyer fleet will be increased by eight new ships, some of which are now under construction, and twelve torpedo-boats bringing the total up to 42. The submarine construction programme includes 28 new units in addition to the 43 submarines completed and in service.—Trans-Ocean.

President of Ecuador Dissolves Assembly

Move Seen to Be Aimed To Check Leftists

Quito, Dec. 14.

Dr. Aurelio Mosqueta Narvaez, President of Ecuador and head of the Liberal Party, pronounced the dissolution of the Constituent Assembly this morning.

His order was read out following the decision taken by the Leftist Opposition to elect as their leader, General Larrea.

Dr. Narvaez declared that he intended to govern in accordance with the Constitution and without installing a dictatorship in Ecuador. He convoked the Electoral College today to elect a Senate and Chamber in 1939, probably in May.

Several members of the Assembly refused to leave their seats when the order of dissolution was read and they were arrested.

Political quarters declared that energetic measures were to check a scheme propagated by the extreme Leftists to seize power.

Latest reports from Lima asserted that censorship had been established over all news coming from this country into the city where the Eighth Pan-American Conference is now being held.—Havas.

Kuling Evacuees Arrive in Japanese Army Transport

Forty-one Foreigners Reach Shanghai After Enforced Stay in Mountain Resort

WITH happy smiles on their faces and looking none the worse after their enforced stay in Kuling, mountain holiday resort now surrounded by Japanese troops, a party of 48 evacuees, mostly women and children, arrived in Shanghai yesterday morning aboard the Japanese Army transport Omi Maru (3,393 tons) which berthed at the D.K.K. Wharf, Yangtszepoo shortly before 11 o'clock. The evacuation of the party was effected after negotiations lasting three weeks between the British and American authorities and Chinese officials, and foreign officers, who carried out the talks before arrangements were made to remove the people, were obliged to pass through the Japanese lines at the foot of the Lushan mountains and the Chinese defences erected on the higher slopes.

Originally scheduled to leave on the U.S.S. Monocacy which was awaiting their arrival at Kiukiang, the evacuees sailed at dawn on Sunday from that port on the military transport after making the journey down the mountain slopes escorted by British and American naval officers. Commencing their journey from Kuling on Saturday morning the party passed the Chinese lines at 1 p.m., most of the women being carried in sedan chairs which they left whenever barbed wire entanglements were encountered. At the base of the mountain the foreigners were met by Japanese consular representatives and gendarmes, while more than 100 coolies were sent as far as the Chinese patrol lines to collect their luggage which was conveyed to five motor lorries awaiting them at the foot of the mountain. Boarding five trucks bearing Red Cross signs they immediately left for Kiukiang.

A pleasant reception awaited the party as they arrived at the D.K.K. Wharf, many friends, most of them missionaries greeting the evacuees as they espied them on the deck of the incoming transport. Piles of letters awaited the new arrivals all of whom appeared to be in perfect health and in good spirit. As they came ashore shortly after 11 o'clock hearty handshakes and fond embraces between family parties illustrated the joyful nature of the evacuation and shortly afterwards the wharf was almost deserted as large groups of them piled their luggage into waiting lorries and made the journey to their new homes sitting on top of trunks and suitcases.

List of Evacuees

Originally forty-two foreigners had left Kuling, the remainder of the party consisting of Chinese amahs. At Nanking a member of the party, Dr. A. S. Gale, an American woman doctor, left the ship during an overnight stop. The party of forty-one foreigners and their destinations in Shanghai was as follows:

British—Miss E. Rachel Groves, 154 Tifeng Road; Mrs. Alice Abel, Miss M. Abel, Master F. Abel, Hall and Holtz Road; Miss Wilson, Mrs. Cox, Miss D. Cox, Mr. Fischbacher, Mrs. T. Fischbacher, Mr. Steed, Mrs. G. M. Steed, all of 1531 Sinza Road; Mrs. M. Hunter, Master R. Hunter, Master B. Massery, Master J. Massery, all of Kenley House, 1064 Avenue Road; Mr. Conaughton, C. M. Custom; Mr. Charlton, British Consulate; Mr. Selby, C. M. Custom, and Mr. A. G. Smith, C. M. Custom. Americans—Miss Graham, 1531 Sinza Road; Miss Coral Clark and Miss Park, American Church Mission, 1305 Yu Yuen Road; Mrs. F. S. Hutchins, Miss A. Hutchins, Church Mission; Mr. W. E. Schubert, Mrs. W. Schubert, Miss Lois Ellen and Miss Mary, 159 Yuen Ming Yuen Road; Mrs. R. V. Leahy, Miss C. Leahy, Master Don Leahy, and Master Richard Leahy, Ford Motor Co. Germans—Miss Ruth Arndt, Shanghai Missionary Home; Mr. Leo J. Bahr, Mrs. L. J. Bahr and Master Peter Bahr, 1553 Bubbling Well Road. Swedish—Mrs. Gustav Nystrom, Master Gunnar Nystrom, 154 Tifeng Road. Russians—Mrs. L. Y. Trubetskoy, Palace Hotel; Mr. Basargen and Mrs. Basargen, C. M. Custom.

Feline Disapproval

All of the evacuees expressed their gratitude towards Capt. Isao Sato commander of the Omi Maru and to the Japanese military officers who accompanied them downriver, and as they left the ship many of them were seen shaking hands with the Japanese officers. An amusing note was struck at this point when a cat in a wicker cage carried by Miss Coral Clark, an American, came ashore voicing its disapproval of the treatment meted to it in no uncertain terms. Probably the feline passenger was the only one of the party who arrived in Shanghai in a downright bad humour.

Mrs. Gustav Nystrom, Swedish, who was accompanied by her 11 year old son Gunnar, was met by her husband Dr. G. Nystrom, who was one of the party evacuated from Hankow aboard the U.S.S. Luzon, while the Rev. Leslie Fairfield, also evacuated aboard the Luzon, was among the reception party.

In an interview with a reporter from the "North-China Daily News" Mrs. Nystrom stated that conditions in Kuling were "not so bad" and that the two hours' walk down the mountainside had not been as difficult as one would have thought.

Sufficient Food

Mrs. L. Y. Trubetskoy, Russian, told a reporter that she was glad that she was back in Shanghai. A resident of Hankow, Mrs. Trubetskoy had gone to Kuling for a two months' vacation which, however, had been extended to an enforced stay of a further four months.

Full of praise for the treatment meted out to them by the Japanese Mr. W. E. Schubert, an American missionary, said that conditions on the Omi Maru were equal to those on many passenger vessels. There was a good supply of fuel and food at Kuling, he added, there being sufficient quantities to ensure enough food for the remaining population during the whole of the winter.

According to Mr. and Mrs. Steed of the China Inland Mission, foreigners at Kuling have enough winter clothing and have been supplied with shoes by local shoemakers. Remaining behind in Kuling, they stated, were between 90 to 100 foreigners and of these the majority were Britons, many of whom had property and interests in the city to look after.

Food Expensive

Mrs. Cox, British, wife of Dr. Cox of the China Inland Mission now at Nanchang, who arrived with her small daughter, Dorothy, informed the "North-China Daily News" that

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Mrs. G. A. Cox and infant, Dorothy Cox.

Two Soviet Russians Held in Los Angeles on Espionage Charge

Secret Information Alleged to Be Diverted for Moscow Use ; Facts About Japan Alone Involved

Los Angeles, Dec. 15.

The Soviet Vice-Consul at New York, M. M. I. Ivanushkin, announced today that he would issue a statement regarding the arrest of M. Mikhail Gorim and Mr. Hafis Salich on charges of espionage.

He said he would issue a statement "sometime today" after conferring with M. Gorim. He arrived here early today by plane from New York. He was accompanied by two assistants.

An alleged comprehensive scheme to divert United States intelligence information to the Soviet Union was disclosed yesterday when Federal agents booked Mr. Salich and M. Gorim on charges of espionage.

It was alleged that Mr. Salich gave M. Gorim United States defence plans and confidential navy information regarding Japanese espionage in the United States. Both were released on bail of U.S.$25,000.

Federal agents indicated that the secret information M. Gorim and Mr. Salich obtained did not involve any confidential plans regarding the United States military forces but concerned Japan entirely.

"They stole secret information which we had obtained on Japanese military forces and converted it to their (Russia's) use," a Federal spokesman said.

Arraigned before the United States Commissioner today, the two men were told that December 24 was set as the date for their hearing.

The Federal Grand Jury, however, was expected to act sooner than December 24 in pressing the case against the two suspects.

M. Gorim, a former Russian Consular official, is manager of the Los Angeles branch of Intourist, Soviet Tourist Agency and is 34 years of age. Mr. Salich is a 35-year-old naturalized American citizen and a former clerk in the United States Naval Intelligence Bureau.—United Press.

Mr. Welles' Comment

Washington, Dec. 14.

Mr. Sumner Welles, acting Secretary of State, said today that Federal investigation revealed that neither Mr. H. Salich nor M. M. Gorim, spy suspects, were entitled to diplomatic immunity despite M. Gorim's connection with a Soviet Government bureau.

Members of the State Department refused to discuss the arrest of the two men further, although Mr. Welles said he understood that Soviet consular officials would meet M. Gorim.—United Press.

Soviets Adamant on Fishery Dispute

Temporary Contract May Be Signed Only After Manchoukuo Pays Dues

Moscow, Dec. 15.

A deadlock has again been reached in the negotiations regarding Japanese fishing rights in Soviet territorial waters, according to a semi-official report issued here.

The report states that negotiations were continued between M. Maxim Litvinoff, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, and Mr. Shigenori Togo, the Japanese Ambassador in Moscow.

Mr. Togo, it is stated, asked whether, in the event of the Japanese Government considering favourably the question of overdue payment for the Chinese Eastern Railway, the Soviet Government would agree to sign, without changes, the draft Fisheries Convention which they refused to approve in 1936 and 1937.

M. Litvinoff, the statement goes on to say, replied in the negative.

Mr. Togo then stated that he was prepared to start negotiations on a temporary agreement for a year, in conformity with the proposal put forward by the Soviet on November 28.

M. Litvinoff agreed to this proposal, but said that this did not cause the Soviet Government to withdraw its demands with regard to the railway payments.

Soviets Remain Adamant

In the course of further negotiations, M. Litvinoff declared, it would be necessary to return to this question.

Subsequently, Mr. Togo opposed the basis of the temporary agreement mentioned in the Soviet proposal of November 28, an insisted on the prolongation of the temporary agreement now in operation.

He added that, if it proved to be impossible to conclude a new convention, the previous convention must be renewed.

M. Litvinoff did not agree, and proposed that Mr. Togo again inform the Japanese Government that a temporary agreement could be concluded only on the basis of the Soviet statement of November 28.—Reuter.

British Cabinet May Be Reshuffled

Labour Censure Motion Due on Foreign Policy

London, Dec. 14.

Parliamentary circles here stated today that a Cabinet reshuffle may be expected at the end of this year.

Lord Maugham, whose appointment as Lord Chancellor was all along considered only provisional, would resign and be replaced by Sir Thomas Inskip, at present Minister for the Co-ordination of National Defence, it was asserted.

Mr. W. S. Morrison would leave the Agriculture Ministry and take up another portfolio, and Lord Winterton would leave the Cabinet altogether, the same quarters concluded.

The Labour Party will present on Monday a motion of censure refusing to voice confidence in the Government's foreign policy.—Havas.

Italy's Pledge Covers Tunis

Mr. Chamberlain Defines British Attitude on Mediterranean Status ; Spain Mediation Issue

London, Dec. 15.

THE attitude of the Government in regard to the effect of the Anglo-Italian agreement in relation to the *status quo* in the Mediterranean, with particular reference to the position of Tunis, in the event of an attack, was defined by Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Prime Minister, in the House of Commons yesterday.

When asked to give an assurance that Great Britain would regard an attack by Italy on any French possessions as an unfriendly act, Mr. Chamberlain replied : "In the view of His Majesty's Government, the undertaking to respect the *status quo* in the Mediterranean, as embodied in the Anglo-Italian agreement, certainly applies to Tunis and any action which was contrary to the agreement would, of course, be a matter of grave concern to His Majesty's Government."

The Government, however, added the Prime Minister, could not contemplate the possibility of such an attack as suggested in these questions.

The British Government had been in touch at various times with the French and Italian Governments regarding the possibility of bringing a cessation of hostilities in Spain, declared Mr. R. A. Butler, in a statement in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Butler replied in the negative when he was asked whether mediation attempts had been delayed or held up by the Government's desire for a General Franco victory.

When asked to consider making representations to the South American republics on the matter of mediation, Mr. Butler replied that if the Government thought any success was likely, it would not eliminate such a possibility.

Italian Reinforcements

Numerous questions were addressed to Mr. Butler yesterday on the alleged recent Italian reinforcements in Spain with relation to the Anglo-Italian treaty.

Mr. Butler declared he could not deny that there had been a certain amount of assistance from Italian sources but did not think it amounted to much more than replacements.

Certainly, added Mr. Butler, it did not amount to any increase in the personnel of Italian troops.

Mr. Butler stated in the House yesterday that according to the latest figures received, which were issued on October 29, the number of United Kingdom nationals held as prisoners of war by General Franco's administration was 86 and of Canadian nationals, 34.

Mr. Butler later added that the British Agent at Burgos, Sir Robert Hodgson, had reported that he had taken further steps to expedite the conclusion of the exchange arrangements and that he hoped that their release might shortly be expected.—Wireless and Reuter.

Portugal Will Defend Her Empire

British Services Mission Thanked for Aid Given

Lisbon, Dec. 15.

References to the defence of the Portuguese Empire were made today by the Prime Minister, Dr. Antonio de Oliveira Salazar, in a speech at a banquet in honour of the British Services Mission, which was to leave for England tomorrow.

The Mission's visit was a demonstration of friendship on the part of the British Government, which aimed at strengthening existing ties between the two countries, Dr. de Oliveira Salazar declared.

He added that the British and Portuguese Mission had been able "to find a better formula to guarantee our mutual interests.

"We sincerely love peace," the Premier continued, "but we cannot forget that we have considerable interests in different parts of the world. To defend them, we have been forced to improve our own means of defence and to seek guarantees derived from our friendships, especially the Anglo-Portuguese alliance."

In conclusion, he said: "I hope that the work accomplished by the Mission may be only the beginning of the close relations between the two allies, and of the joint study of problems of common defence."

The British Services Mission arrived in Portugal last February.—Reuter.

Black-Out in Thames Valley

Two Surgical Operations Performed by Torchlight

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 15.

A 25-mile stretch of thickly populated area in the Thames Valley suffered a black-out last night following a failure of the electric supply. A thick fog added to the general inconvenience.

The trouble began when a tongue of flame spurted from an 11,000-volt switch in the Kingston Power Station. The generating room was quickly involved in a mass of flames.

An employee said that there was a flash, a roar and showers of sparks.

The dozen men in the engine-room raced for safety, only a moment before the engine room went up in flames.

Two surgical operations were proceeding at the Hampton Court and West Molsey hospitals when the black-out occurred and were successfully completed by torch-light.—Reuter.

Latest Exchange

The closing Interbank selling rates yesterday were as follows:

Sterling 8 3/16d. U.S$ 16 3/16c.

LONDON METALS AND N.Y. CROSS RATE

London, Dec. 15.

Lower levels were witnessed in the London silver market today, with quotations fixed as follow:

	Dec. 14	Dec. 15
London spot	20 1/2d.	20 1/16d.
" forward	19 9/16d.	19 7/16d.
" gold	149/-	148/8d.

London/New York:

One pound	U.S.$4.6665	$4.6759
One U.S. dollar	51.430d.	51.327d.

—Reuter.

Argentine Leading Lima Conference

German Pressmen Walk Out in Protest Over Haitian Declaration

New York, Dec. 15.

The Argentine has taken command of all matters, to be dealt with at the Pan-American Conference, relating to defence and strategy in the American continent, according to the Lima correspondent of the "New York Times."

The correspondent adds that the Argentine delegations has taken over the drafting of whatever "United American Front" declaration may be presented at the Conference.

General Campanni, the Italian Minister to Panama, who, according to the correspondent, is understood to be the organizer of Fascist units throughout Central America, has arrived at Lima to act as an observer at the Conference.—Reuter.

German Pressmen Walk Out

Lima, Dec. 15.

The submission of three proposals for "quarantining" the Western Hemisphere against foreign propaganda was the main development at yesterday's session of the Pan-American Conference.

The proposals, which were drafted by Argentine, Uruguay and Brazil, are now being studied by the Committee of the Conference.

The spontaneous applause that greeted the Haitian delegate's denunciation of countries governed by theories of racial and religious intolerance is considered significant. At the end of the speech five German correspondents walked out as a protest.

It is understood that the United States delegation intends to introduce a resolution pledging the American Republics to do everything possible to reduce tariff barriers.

The Peace Committee is at present considering a resolution opposing recognition of territory conquered "by force, undue pressure or threat of force."

All committees are working at top speed in an effort to clear off as many problems as possible before the anticipated adjournment near Christmas.

"Unless I am greatly mistaken," Mr. Cordell Hull said yesterday in reporting on the progress of the conference, "the attitude which prevails here is that the American nations have decided to defend the principles of the institutions which they have freely created for themselves."—Reuter.

Mexico Proposes Ban

Lima, Peru., Dec. 14.

Mexico tonight proposed that the eighth Pan-American Conference bar the use of force for the collection of international debts.

Argentina accepted in principle a United States project which would bind all 21 American Republics to do everything possible to lower their tariff barrier.

Observers saw in Mexico's project an attempt to line up continental support for its seizures of oil properties and lands as well as its failure for several years to meet its international financial obligations.—United Press.

King's 43rd Birthday Celebrated

Salute Fired in Hyde Park ; Fuehrer Sends Message

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 15.

A Royal salute was fired in Hyde Park and Windsor yesterday in honour of His Majesty, who celebrated his 43rd birthday.

There were many callers at Buckingham Palace, including Ambassadors and other representatives of the diplomatic corps.

Among many world-wide messages of congratulations, the King received one from Herr Hitler.—Reuter.

Northern Rhodesia Has Five-Year Plan

Expansion and Reequipment Of Military Forces

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Lusaka, Dec. 15.

The expansion and re-equipment of the military forces in Northern Rhodesia were included in a five-year programme of development upon which the Government had decided to embark, declared the Financial Secretary in his Budget speech in the Legislative Council yesterday.

Other features of the plan, he said, included an extension of the development of air services, and increased financial provision for roads and social service.

The plan will involve the raising of £500,000 in new loan money.—Reuter.

Marshal Bluecher Not Arrested

Post in War Commissariat Being Held

London, Dec. 15.

The Moscow Correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian" is reliably informed that Marshall Vassilli Bluecher has not been arrested, as has been rumoured in certain quarters, but has been recalled from the Far East.

Marshal Bluecher, the correspondent states, now occupies a post in the Soviet War Commissariat.—Reuter.

THE CINEMA

"The Galdiator"

Hugo Kipp .....Joe E. Brown
Man Mountain Dean Man Mountain Dean
Iris Bennett .....June Travis
Bobby .....Dickie Moore
Professor Danner ....Lucien Littlefield
Tom Dixon .....Robert Kent
Mrs. Danner .....Ethel Wales
Coach Robbins .....Donald Douglas
Coach Stetson .....Lee Phelps
Speed Burns .....Eddie Kane
Dr. DeRay .....Wright Kramer

Wide-mouthed Mr. Joe B. Brown is a college student in his newest vehicle, "The Gladiator", which opened at the Grand Theatre yesterday. The howl which has made him famous and for which no doubt, the audience waits during the first few minutes after the curtain goes up, is completely forgotten when he acts as a human "guinea pig" for the occasion.

After having earned a meager living as an assistant of an orthopaedic hospital where the children adore him and consider him their hero, he unexpectedly wins a handsome prize which permits him to carry on his college studies that he had to give up 12 years previously for lack of funds. Whilst his intended stay in college was no doubt meant to be a period of strenuous study, Mr. Brown actually wants to keep up the family tradition by playing on the college football team. The coach and a few of his fellow-students have to bring him home as an invalid in a wheelbarrow after the first work-out and whilst he is sleeping, Professor Danner (Lucien Littlefield), who as all screen-professors is very absent-minded, decides to try an invention on a human being for the first time, Mr. Brown being chosen as the human being. This most revolutionizing invention by means of an injection gives a man gladiator-like strength.

The scene in which Mr. Brown arises the next morning, and annoyed with the alarm-clock which awakes him from his slumber, tries to stop the alarm thereby completely reducing the clock to splinters, is one which will long remain in the minds of Mr. Brown's fans. Throughout the picture, new and hitherto unseen tricks are performed, and doubtlessly the best of them all is the prize-fight in which frail Mr. Brown throws and knocks Man Mountain Dean all over the arena . . . . . until the injection wears out and the gladiator in him leaves never to return. Only the fact that the spectacular prize-fighter who at times seems to have more the characteristics of a beast than those of a man, knocks himself out, brings Mr. Brown's newest production to the usual conclusion . . . . money and happiness.

The supporting cast has indeed little to do in a script which obviously was written for the one and only Mr. Joe E. Brown. Miss June Travis, the college girl who, although in love with another student, is chosen to make up Mr. Brown's mind to play football for the college team, and who subsequently falls in love with him and marries him, seemed rather unconvincing at times.

"Community Sing" and "Goofs and Saddles" round out a programme which can be unreservedly recommended to anyone wishing to get two hours of clean and amusing entertainment, although, as is usual in productions of this kind, it would be unreasonable to expect any common sense in the script.—S.M.K.

"The Road to Reno"

Steve Fortness .....Randolph Scott
Linda Halliday .....Hope Hampton
Sylvia Shane .....Glenda Farrell
Aunt Minerva .....Helen Broderick
Walter Crawford .....Alan Marshal
Salty .....David Oliver
Linda's Attorney .....Ted Osborn
Sylvia's Attorney .....Samuel S. Hinds
Mike .....Charles Murphy
The Judge .....Spencer Charters
Mrs. Brumleigh .....Dorothy Farley
Hannah .....Mira McKinney
Woman Bailiff .....Renie Riano
Gladys .....Lita Chevret
Lame Duck .....Willie Fung
Truckee .....Jack Clifford

Despite the fact that it carries rather a cynical, albeit humorous, dig at America's divorce system in Nevada, "The Road To Reno," now being shown at the Nanking Theatre, tends to be disappointing, a thin and distinctly wishy-washy plot only being held together by some excellent singing from Miss Hampton and some fine photography depicting the ranchlands of the Nevada and Californian environs in all their glory. The story revolves around a divorce action brought by a very temperamental opera star against her home and cattle loving rancher husband who, when he realises that the man with whom his spouse thinks she is in love is a person deserving of her affections, does everything in his power to facilitate matters for them to be joined in matrimony. But at the best of times women are the most fickle of creatures and we see the wife running backwards and forwards from her husband to her lover, not knowing her own mind but fully aware of the fact that in order to safeguard herself, she must hold on to them both until the empty space she terms her brain can really decide which gentleman is the better for her to spend the remainder of her days.

The film does not permit the players to utilize to the full their undoubted histrionic abilities, with the result that at times the picture is most tedious, only occasional humorous sallies saving it from a complete flop.

Messrs. Scott and Marshall and the Misses Farrell and Hampton have been seen to better advantage in many previous presentations and regular patrons of the Nanking will be rather dejected after seeing this film, for it is by no means up to the high standard that this theatre has been screening during the past few months.—F.A.P.

"Escapade"

Fritz .....William Powell
Leopoldine .....Luise Rainer
Karl .....Frank Morgan
Gerta .....Virginia Bruce
Paul .....Reginald Owen
Anita .....Mady Christians
Countess .....Laura Hope Crews
Concierge .....Henry Travers
Carmen .....Mathilda Comont

Seeming to sense what was in store for them, theatre-goers flocked to the Cathay Theatre last night and were far from disappointed. "Escapade" is an extremely well-produced story of old Vienna, spiced with light intrigue behind the courtly manners, all to the accompaniment of lilting waltzes with occasional dashes of fine music as the centre of attention. But what wins attention more than anything else is that rare quality brought to the screen by Luise Rainer, a sort of wistful poignancy that runs below the surface. Audiences felt the same quality in her telephone scene in "The Great Ziegfeld" which won her the Motion Picture Academy Award. And again there is William Powell whose polished performance as a distinguished artist, besides being worth watching in itself, contributes to and enhances her portrayal. The honours won by the telephone scene in the earlier picture, could well go to the studio scene here where her half-murmering of her troubled thoughts should hold any audience in rapt sympathy. There is Frank Morgan too, in a sterner role than he usually plays. He seems to resent this by the way occasional flashes of his familiar loud affability tend to break through the crust of his part as a famous physician on tender hooks about his wife's activities. As his brother, Reginald Owen overdoes slightly his mouthing monologues while Virginia Bruce is, in retrospect, merely a member of the cast.

Remarkably exciting pictures of the more dangerous winter sports open the programme, bob-sledders at one time hurtling over the bank and flying straight towards the camera. To make it complete, the newsreel is also of unusual interest, including the innovation of a definitely labelled "Woman's Page."—R.R.R.

Guerillas Beset By Japanese

Allegations of Base in Shanghai Made by Army Spokesman Yesterday

Alleging that almost all Chinese in Shanghai were spies, the Japanese army spokesman asserted yesterday that Pootung and local guerillas had a base in the foreign-controlled areas of the port. From this headquarters information was sent by word of mouth to the guerillas. To the suggestion that it would be difficult to smuggle arms outside the area through Japanese lines, he offered no comment.

During the past ten days the Japanese army, navy and air force had made extensive assaults on units on Tsungming Island, Pootung, and the districts north of Nanking on the south bank of the Yangtze, inflicting heavy losses on the Chinese and capturing many rifles and much military equipment. Japanese losses were nominal, he said.

Shansi Leader Surrenders

Tokyo, Dec. 15.

A Chinese guerilla leader named Yuan Chen-fang and his 1,500 men who had been operating in southern Shansi province surrendered to the Japanese garrison at Hanyangchen, according to a communiqué issued by the War Office today.

The guerillas were armed with one howitzer, one heavy machine gun, 17 light machine guns, and 1,400 rifles, the communiqué said.—Domei.

Chinese Bombed in South

Japanese naval planes carried out reconnaissance and bombing flights over Samshui, west of Canton, in Central Kwangtung and Yeungkong, on the sea coast and in south-western Kwangtung on Tuesday, according to a communiqué issued by the headquarters of the Japanese China Sea Fleet yesterday afternoon.

The raiders bombed godowns, junks and Chinese positions, causing considerable damage, the statement said.

Chinese Optimistic

Chungking, Dec. 15.

The military situation on the various fronts gives rise to singular optimism, declares the Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese forces on the South Bank of the Yangtze River, who is at present visiting Chungking, in a statement made today.

"Anyone who visits the front," the C.-in-C. declared, "cannot fail to feel optimistic concerning the future military situation, as the morale of the Chinese soldiers is extremely high.

"Every Chinese soldier is eager to revenge the wrongs and sufferings inflicted upon his family and his countrymen as a result of the Japanese invasion. The power of the Japanese fire has decreased noticeably recently.

"Hitherto, the Japanese always adopted the same tactics, that of subjecting the Chinese line to the heaviest artillery and aerial bombardment, and using masses of tanks, before sending the infantry over the top, with the result that frequently the Chinese lost their lives in their positions without even the opportunity of facing the Japanese.

"As the Japanese fire has slackened considerably of late, the Chinese have obtained the opportunity of meeting the Japanese in hand-to-hand fighting.

"The spirit of the Chinese veterans is indeed admirable.

"When the Japanese fire is too heavy to withstand, they fall back slightly, but as soon as the firing slows down, they immediately return to their original position, and try to advance if possible.

"The determination of the Chinese soldiers to fight the Japanese grows daily; in addition, the Chinese soldier has benefitted by his experiences, and is also improving daily in fighting technique.

"It is undeniable that our troops have suffered heavy losses, but our fighting strength is by no means affected."—Reuter.

Mr. Arita to Meet Pressmen Next Week

Statement on Foreign Policy Expected

Tokyo, Dec. 15.

It is announced that the Foreign Minister, Mr. Hachiro Arita, will receive foreign correspondents on the afternoon of December 19, for the first time since his resumption of the portfolio of Foreign Affairs late in October.

Mr. Arita, it is expected, will issue a statement, at the press conference, enunciating Japan's foreign policy on the new situation in East Asia.—Reuter.

Emperor of Annam Flown to Saigon

Saigon, Dec. 15.

Emperor Bao Dai of Annam was rushed here in a hospital plane today to be treated for a fracture of the leg sustained during a hunting trip. An X-Ray revealed that the Emperor's left leg was fractured slightly above the ankle. This is the first time that an Emperor of Annam has come to Saigon.—Havas.

Britain's Finances Might Decide War

London, Dec. 15.

Speaking at a luncheon to Lord Bicester in the House of Commons today, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, said: "When German statesmen reflect upon the possible consequences of conflict, they think not only of our armaments, but also of our great financial resources, which in a war of long duration might prove to be the deciding factor."

The Premier added:—"It is this sense which is always with us. I am sure that it has a very great influence in the preservation of world peace."—Reuter.

Anti-Japanese Acts in Foreign Concessions

Japanese Profess to See Subversive Schemes

Tokyo, Dec. 15.

Drastic measures are being enforced by Japanese authorities at Tientsin to curb the activities of anti-Japanese, pro-Communist agitators who have "established a base of operations" in the British and French Concessions there, according to a press message received here this afternoon.

Barbed wire entanglements have been set up along the border of the French Concession and curfew is being strictly enforced from 10 o'clock at night to 6 o'clock in the morning along the borders of the French and British Concessions, the message said.

The alleged "non-co-operative, non-conciliatory attitude of the authorities of the British and French Concessions has encouraged and emboldened the activities of these anti-Japanese grounds," the message claimed.

Hundreds of anti-Japanese Chinese have been arrested by Japanese gendarmes since January, the dispatch stated.—Domei.

British Exports Reach New Height

Adverse Trade Balance Much Reduced

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London, Dec. 15.

Features of Great Britain's overseas trade in November were the value of exports, which was the highest for any month in 1938, and the fact that the adverse visible balance of trade was further reduced.

Comparative figures in the Board of Trade returns show that imports last month totalled £78,028,496, exports £42,923,223 and re-exports £5,113,912 as against £97,268,371, £45,183,169 and £5,305,646 respectively in November last year.

For the first eleven months of this year imports totalled £846,948,164, which was a reduction on a similar period in 1937 of £88,774,906; exports £432,000,578, a decline of £45,979,268; and re-exports £56,808,373, a reduction of £13,415,631.

These figures give an adverse visible balance of trade of £358,139,208, although a year ago the amount was £387,519,215.—Reuter.

Three British Soldiers Ambushed at Naolus

One Green Howards Dies, Two Others Wounded

Jerusalem, Dec. 15.

One private was killed, and two other rankers of the First Battalion, the Green Howards, were wounded today, when they were ambushed at Nablus. Reinforcements of the Green Howards were rushed to the scene, and are believed to have inflicted a number of casualties on the ambushers.

Sheikh Mahmoud Elanzari, leading Muslim dignitary, was shot dead by an unknown Arab today, when walking in the New City, Jerusalem.—Reuter.

Thugs Shoot Man For Ring

Shortly after 7.30 o'clock yesterday evening, two men, one armed with a small black pistol, entered House 21, Lane 140, Sinza Road, and intimidated the inmates of thehouse. When their search for valuables proved fruitless, the desporadoes ordered one of the Chinese inmates to hand over the gold ring which he was wearing. The victim refused and was consequently shot in the chest by the armed thug. The injured men was later rushed to the Red Cross Hospital, where his injuries were not diagnosed as serious.

Armed Men Hold Up Taxi; Rob Occupants

At 9.55 o'clock yesterday evening, seven armed gangsters held up a hire-car on Jessfield Road and robbed the inmates of property the value of which had not been determined at a late hour last night as detectives from Bubbling Well police station were still out investigating the case.

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Marriage Tangle Seen In Court

Unwed Wife Takes Action Against Chinese

A fashionably dressed Chinese girl who was married only four days ago appeared in the First Special District Court yesterday to witness a hearing in which her husband was questioned by the judge in regard to a charge of "double marriage" made by a woman who claimed to have been married to the man last year. The accused husband was released on bail at the request of the police, who wanted the accusing woman to produce more evidence.

The chief character in the case is the 24-year old manager of a motor car repair shop in Weihaiwei Road named Hsu Kai-ming. He was said to have lived with the accusing woman for many months during which, however, they often quarrelled. Recently the woman found out that he had fallen in love with another girl, Miss Chao Ching-mei, whom he married in a wedding ceremony held in a restaurant in Hankow Road.

Shortly before midnight on Wednesday, the woman went to the Taku Road residence of the newly married couple and, after ascertaining that her "husband" was with another woman, she ran to the Chengtu Road Police Station and told the officers there that her "husband" was having illegal relations with another girl. The police went to the new residence and arrested the newly married couple. The arrested man told the police, however, that the accusing woman had never been married to him. In court the accusing woman could not produce a wedding certificate, while the newly married couple showed their document.

Thirty Gangsters Hold Up House

Make Escape After Stealing Property Worth $130

Not less than 30 men took part in an armed raid on a Chinese dwelling house on Brenan Road at about 1.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and after ransacking the place departed with property valued at about $130. Of the 30 thugs, only one was armed with a pistol, the others carrying axes and iron-bars with which they intimidated the inmates.

No shots were fired and the men were able to escape before an alarm could be raiaed.

A detective party from Bubbling Well police station arrived at the scene soon afterwards and commenced investigations which however have proved fruitless so far.

The men, all of whom talked the Kompo dialect, seem to have their headquarters somewhere in the Japanese occupied territory in that vicinity and are believed to have been responsible for a number of armed robberies in the last few weeks.

Due to the difficulties encountered by the Settlemment police in reaching the scenes of these various crimes, many of which although lying on Settlement roads, actually are part of the Japanese occupied territory, detectives in charge of the various cases have been unable so far to make any progress in their investigations.

Kuling Evacuees Arrive in Japanese Army Transport

(Continued from page 5)

the evacuees had been met by British and American officers during their journey to Kiukiang and that a British officer had escorted them from the town itself. Food was very expensive in Kuling, she added, the price of eggs being $1 for eight. Now it was doubtful if there were any more eggs. The Chinese, however, were getting food into the city and there seemed to be no shortage of eatables or likely to be any for some time.

Mrs. Cox stated that she had gone to Kuling for a two months' holiday which had become a sojourn of six months in the mountain resort. Her husband, she added, was at Nanchang although she had not heard from him for two months. The trip down the Yangtze had been quiet and uneventful and the food on board had been excellent.

Many members of the party told reporters that they had had no trouble with the Chinese soldiers surrounding the resort and that General Yang, the Chinese commander, had given them every assistance. By a strange coincidence Japanese sugar was being sold in Kuling, one of the party informed a reporter, although it was fairly easy to get supplies through the Chinese lines.

High Japanese Naval Commands Changed

South China, Yangtze Chiefs Promoted to Home Posts

Tokyo, Dec. 15.

Major changes in high Japanese naval ranks were announced by the Navy Ministry today.

Vice-Admiral Koichi Shiozawa, in command of the Japanese naval forces in South China, was ordered attached to the Naval General Staff, while Rear-Admiral Eijiro Kondo, commanding the Japanese Yangtze River units, was transferred to the Yokosuka Naval Base, where he will serve under Vice-Admiral Kiyoshi Hasegawa, former commander-in-chief of the Japanese China Seas Fleet.

Also detailed for duty with the General Staff were Rear-Admiral Takashi Tokari, Rear-Admiral Minoru Tayui, and Rear-Admiral Kiichi Endo.

Rear-Admiral Rokuro Horiye will take over the command of the Eleventh Combined Air Squadron; Rear-Admiral Ichiro Ono will join the Kasumigaura Naval Air Station Rear-Admiral Toshihisa Nakamura was appointed chief of staff at the Kure Naval Base; Rear-Admiral Koki Abe will head the Naval Academy faculty, while Rear-Admiral Matome Ugaki will become chief of the First Section of the Naval General Staff.—Domei.

King Carol Considers German Campaign

Bucharest, Dec. 15.

King Carol yesterday presided at a meeting of the Crown Council, which he had summoned. It was reported that Germany's anti-Rumanian campaign and the alleged Nazi support of the Iron Guard were discussed.—Reuter.

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Aggression Does Not Pay Tax-Payer

Citizens of Japan, Italy Asked For Big Sacrifices

London, Dec. 15.

"How far does aggression pay the ordinary man, even in successful aggressor nations?" asks the "Birmingham Post" in a leading article today.

"This point will occur to many readers," the paper goes on to say, "nothing simultaneous disclosures of the coming budgets of Italy and Japan.

"Alike, both countries' expenditure is due to the policy which sets force before agreement.

"Italian and Japanese tax-payers are asked for sacrifices which would have been unnecessary if Rome and Tokyo had observed loyally their pledges to Geneva.

"If Japan pushes on with her war in China *à outrance*, and still fails, the reaction which 'dogs the steps of all extremes' will produce a Red Japan."

If Italy pushed her Mediterranean ambitions too far, her foreign policy would fail, and the industrial, commercial and financial set-back thus engendered would easily create an anti-Fascists revolution.

"These two budgets," declares the "Birmingham Post," "underline the moral already written in plain letters—the citizen is asked to accept big sacrifices for big future gains which are incompatible with any reasonable, peaceful, political world system.

"Surely the non-aggressor Powers, with Britain and America leading the way, may reasonably consider the use of their present economic system as a political asset to be used actively, instead of a liability, to be defended passively."—Reuter.

Choir Charity Concert Planned for Christmas

Some 250 members of the Shanghai Chorus Union are holding a charity concert at the Community Church on December 23 and 24 in aid of under privileged children. Professor Chao Mei-pay will yield the baton, whilst amongst the soloists taking part will be Mrs. P. G. D. Gain, contralto; Miss Liu Pei-yu, soprano; and Mr. Keh Chao-ts, baritone; and Mr. Tsao, bass.

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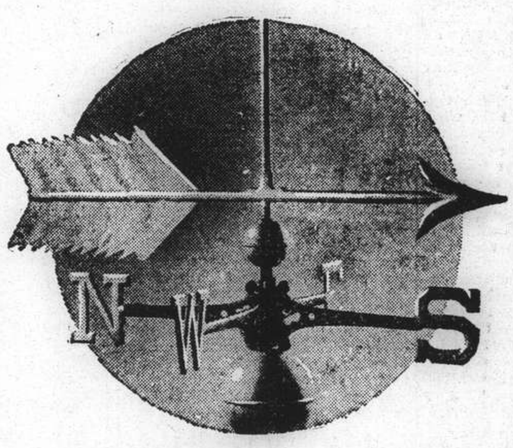

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PARLIAMENT has proclaimed Sr. Aguirre Cerda as new President of the Chilean Republic.

DR. P. F. Price's subject for Saturday 8.30 p.m. over Station X.M.H.D. is: "An Amazing Prophecy."

MR. F. L. Pratt, president, and Mr. Z. B. Toong, manager, of the China Publishing Company, are leaving for Hongkong on a business trip on the ss. Tingsang.

SPEAKING on the subject "Some Impressions of West China," Dr. J. E. Baker, director of the Shanghai International Red Cross, will address the American University Club at noon today in the American Club.

THE centuries-old pump in the Cloisters at Eton College has been replaced by a rectangular ornamental fountain surrounded by a lawn, since the installation of a modern water supply. The pump is being kept as a relic in the college store room.

BRINGING to a close his two weeks' visit to the United States, Mr. William Philipps, U.S. Ambassador to Italy, left New York on Wednesday in the Rex to return to his post in Rome. He had several conversations with President Roosevelt but he refused to comment upon these.

WHILE Britain enjoyed exceptionally mild weather for November, the experts forecast that Christmas will be cold. They base their conclusions on the fact that in the past, the coldest winters have been preceded by exceptionally warm winters. This month in the South of England has been the warmest since 1783.

MR. Arthur Brock, who died in July aged 80, left only £2,814. Mrs. Anne Brock, his widow, said that although she was surprised at the small amount left by her late husband, she and her five sons who are all in the business, are well provided for. This firm, she added, has recovered from the loss of £100,000. in an action with the Admiralty concerning a consignment of flares, some years ago.

THE schools for foreign children administered by the Shanghai Municipal Council will close for the Christmas holidays on Thursday, December 22, and will reopen for the spring term on Monday, January 9. Schools for Chinese children administered by the Council will close for the winter vacation on Friday, January 13, and reopen for the spring term on Monday, January 30, at the usual hour.

MR. Sumner Welles, U.S. State Under-Secretary, gave a luncheon in honour of Mr. Anthony Eden, former British Foreign Secretary, at his Oxon Hill home on Wednesday. Present at this dinner were Lady Lindsay, wife of the British Ambassador; Treasury Secretary, Mr. Henry J. Morgenthau, Jr.; Mr. Norman Davis, Chairman of the American Red Cross, and several other American personalities.

THE Rev. and Mrs. John Darroch, who will be remembered as for many years residents of Shanghai, and who left for Home some four years ago on retirement, have heard the East a-callin' once again, and are expected to return to Shanghai by the Gneisenau in February. Dr. Darroch has recently recovered from a serious illness. He and Mrs. Darroch are returning with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Close.

IN past years the Chinese Students Christian Union have held a yule Party for the poor Chinese children in the East End of London, and the practice is to be continued this year by holding a party at the Woolley Street L.C.C. School, London, E.C., on Sunday, December 18. All the Chinese children in the Poplar area are being invited to attend, and an interesting programme, including Christmas stocking gifts and refreshments, will be provided.

AN exhibition of drawings and paintings by Mme. V. Kouznetzoff and Mr. M. A. Kitchiguin is to be opened at the Cercle Sportif Francais on December 17 at 4.30 p.m. The collection includes many drawing and portraits executed in oil, water colour, pastel and crayon. The landscapes and compositions of both artists are covering the wide range of subjects with the particular emphasis of the Far East—China, Korea, Mongolia and Siberia. Both artists reveal in their works the variety of technique from realistic manner to the graphic and decorative stylisation and this makes the forthcoming exhibition all the more interesting for the art lovers. The exhibition is under the auspices of a special Committee which includes Mme. Brediam, Mme. Jaspar, Mr. d'Hooghe, Mr. Ch. Grosbois, Mr. G. S. Moresthe, Mr. R. T. Peyton-Griffin and Mr. Sigaut. Beginning Sunday the exhibition will be opened daily from 10 to 12.30 a.m. and from 2 to 7 p.m. till December 27 inclusive.

Full $1.50 Payment To P.M.A.A. Soon

Council Approves Former Fee; Rickshaw Owners to Get 77 Cent Rental

The Shanghai Municipal Council has approved a restoration of the Pull Pullers Mutual Aid Association contribution of $1.50 per rickshaw per month from next February. The rickshaw owners are permitted to charge the full authorized rental of 77 cents per vehicle per day.

The Rickshaw Pullers' Mutual Aid Association was established in August 1934, and its funds were derived from contributions collected from the pullers through the owners, so that each owner remitted to the Association $1.50 per month in respect of each public rickshaw licensed in his name, the owner reimbursing himself by charging an extra 7 cents over the authorized rental charge per rickshaw per day.

In October 1936 the Council decided that with effect from January 1, 1937, the P.M.A.A. contribution should be obtained by means of an increase in the public rickshaw licence fee from $2.00 to $3.50 per mensem, the rental charge for each public rickshaw to be 77 cents per day. Whilst the contribution thus obtained technically forms part of the Council's ordinary income, the Council in its discretion earmarks it as a grant from the Council to the P.M.A.A.

Problems affecting the rickshaw industry arose from the hostilities last autumn. It was necessary for the Council to reconcile the claim of the P.M.A.A. to maintenance of its revenue at the full standard rate of $1.50 per rickshaw monthly, and the claim of the public rickshaw owners that they had only been able to collect from the pullers a daily rental considerably below the authorized rental of 77 cents.

Emergency Conditions

The necessity for reduction of the rental charge by the owner to the puller was attributed by the owners mainly to the curfew restrictions and the reduced area in which rickshaws could ply. In addition the owners claimed that the industry had suffered from labour disruption due to the hostilities and also from the loss of many rickshaws. On its part the P.M.A.A. was naturally concerned to remain in receipt of contributions which would permit the continuance of its service to the pullers.

For the months of September and October, 1937, the P.M.A.A. contribution was waived by the Council and the authorized rental charge was correspondingly reduced. The P.M.A.A. was advised to draw upon its reserves to tide over the emergency period.

In November 1937 a special committee was set up to advise the Council upon the whole matter of the effect of the emergency upon the rickshaw industry. Upon the recommendation of this committee, the Council approved the collection of 50 cents per vehicle towards the P.M.A.A. funds for the month of November, 1937, and $1.00 monthly thereafter until the removal of curfew restrictions, when the standard collection of $1.50 would be resumed. Correspondingly the owners may not until then impose the full authorized rental charge. This decision stands today and $1.00 only has been collected as P.M.A.A. monthly contribution, owners being allowed to charge a rental of 75 cents per rickshaw per day.

The Council has now received a letter from the P.M.A.A. requesting that the standard collection of $1.50 be resumed.

Police Make Survey

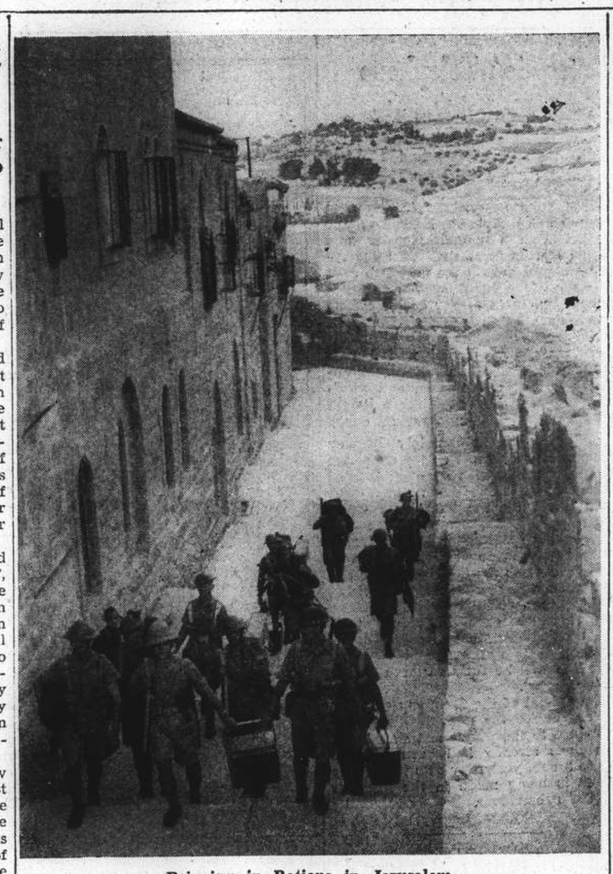
The Police have made an investigation into the matter which revealed that although the curfew is still in existence and the area in which the rickshaw can ply is restricted, the earnings of the pullers have improved owing to the increased population and a general increase in rickshaw fares following the change of currency from coppers to cents.

At a recent meeting of the Watch Committee the view was expressed that the resumption of the full P.M.A.A. payment was justified in view of the fact that the rickshaw business was at present prosperous and there was good work for the pullers.

It was accordingly unanimously recommended that payment of the full P.M.A.A. contribution of $1.50 per rickshaw per month be resumed with effect from February 1, 1939, the rickshaw owners to be permitted to charge the full authorized rental of 77 cents per day.

The Municipal Council on Wednesday approved the recommendation of the Watch Committee.

The extensive music programme of the New York World's Fair 1939 is to include opera, symphony, choral and religious musical presentations, light opera, folk music, ballets and the dances of this country and other nations.



Bringing in Rations in Jerusalem

British troops bringing up rations in Jerusalem during operations in the ancient city. The Mount of Olives is in the backgound.

Hay, Potatoes Sold by Storage Company

Shanghai Stevedoring Co. Sued for $3,154

Mr. J. A. Pavloff claimed $3,154 from the Shanghai Stevedoring Co., Inc. in an action which was heard by Judge M. J. Helmick in the United States Court for China yesterday. The hearing was adjourned to Monday afternoon.

Mr. H. D. Rodger on behalf of the plaintiff, told the court that his client had stored 16 tons of hay and 40 tons of potatoes in the godowns belonging to the defendants on November 19, 1936 and that he had received a loan from them amounting to $1,460. The loan was to be refunded together with interest and a service charge of $40, within a specified time. On December 2, 1936, the attorney for the plaintiff continued, Mr. Pavloff was informed by the Shanghai Stevedoring Co., that according to the terms of their agreement he would have to settle the account and take delivery of the cargo within 18 days.

Between December 13, 1936 and January 12, 1937, the plaintiff took delivery of part of the goods stored with the defendants and paid them $950. On December 22, 1936, an additional 10 tons of hay were stored with the defendants by Mr. Pavloff and, Mr. Rodger added, there was no question of this lot being considered a security for the balance of the loan inasmuch as that the cargo from the first lot was worth between $2,500 and $3,200.

A few months afterwards, the plaintiff concluded a sale of 25 tons of hay to a riding school on Lincoln Avenue, the first delivery of which was to have been made on April 5 1937. On March 17, the plaintiff claims to have received a statement of account from the Shanghai Stevedoring Co. from which it appeared that the defendants had disposed of the entire cargo stored in their godowns due to the fact that the balance of the loan had not yet been paid.

Mr. Rodger contented that the merchandise in question had been disposed of at about one third of the actual market price and without the knowledge or consent of the plaintiff. He therefore asked the court to award judgment to his client for $3,154, representing the balance.

Mr. Nicolai I. Krikoriantz, manager of the Great Western Riding Academy, told the court that in August 1937, the price of hay was between 7½ and 8 cents per pound.

Mr. Michael Sokoloff, owner of a riding school before hostilities broke out here last summer, confirmed that he had concluded a contract with Mr. Pavloff for the supply of hay at the price of 7 cents per lb. The first delivery, witness added, was to be made on April 5, 1937, but was not made.

Judge Helmick adjourned the hearing to 4 o'clock on Monday afternoon as a number of witnesses called by the defence had found it impossble to attend during the afternoon session.

Mr. P. F. Kops appeared for the defendants.

East Surrey Officers At Zero Club

President Describes Old Link with Shanghai

Lieut.-Col. E. L. L. Acton and officers of the 2nd Battalion The East Surrey Regiment were guests at the monthly luncheon of the Zero Club held at the Shanghai Club on Wednesday. Others present included Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble, Commander-in-Chief of the British China Squadron, Sir Herbert Phillips, H.M. Consul-General, and Col. Perretier, Commander of the French Garrison in Shanghai.

Mr. J. D. Watt, Acting President, welcomed the guests and mentioned that the Municipal authorities were removing the remains of British soldiers from the old military cemetery in Nantao to Hungjao, where they were being reinterred and a suitable memorial erected to their memory. Among them were the remains of men of the 31st Regiment, which was the former designation of the 1st Battalion of the East Surrey Regiment, who formed part of the British garrison forces in Shanghai during the operations against the Taiping rebels during the period 1862-65.

Lieut.-Col. Acton replied, thanking the Club for their hospitality, and Col. Perretier also made a brief speech.

Journalist's Claim Against Publisher

Mr. L. F. Fearon Sued in H.M. Supreme Court; Story Of Impossible Conditions

Stating that the conditions under which he was supposed to work were impossible, thus forcing him to resign his position, a Shanghai journalist, Mr. Kurt Steiner, appeared as plaintiff in H.M. Supreme Court yesterday before Judge P. Grant Jones when he brought a claim against Mr. L. F. Fearon, publisher of the "Evening Echo," for $94.18, being 12 days' salary, and court costs.

Defendant did not appear in court and plaintiff, represented by Dr. P. V. E. Terni, told the court how he met Mr. Fearon in June before the original publication of the "Evening Echo." At the end of October, he stated, he received a telephone call from Mr. Fearon asking witness to meet him at the offices of the newspaper in the Central Arcade.

Defendant then offered him a position on the publication to write headings—"Which are usually most misleading" remarked the Judge—and cover the city news. Witness began work on November 3, the arrangement being that he should receive $250 as salary for the first month. He ceased to work for the newspaper on November 15.

Inadequate

During the time of his employment, witness stated that he informed Mr. Fearon of the inadequacy of the editorial offices there being only three typewriters for a staff of five. "When I joined" he continued "I discovered I was running the paper." There was no telephone in the office, merely an extension from the "China Press." It was impossible to carry on as the office was not heated and was dangerous to the employees, he added.

Due to irregular payments to the printers of the "Evening Echo," witness continued, the publication often appeared on the streets late and defendant had admitted that he was in arrears regarding payments to the printers, who were the International Corporation, printers of the "China Press."

On November 15 witness went to the business offices of the newspaper and typed a letter to Mr. Fearon resigning his position and asking for the salary due to him. In a telephone conversation defendant promised to pay the money on the following day. On November 17 another letter was sent and a reply was received stating that the money would be paid when the "Evening Echo's" account would be credited with expected funds.

Plaintiff added that it was impossible to assume responsibility for the reporters in the cold room and he had asked for an electric stove or, failing that, a kerosene stove. To this defendant had replied that he would send witness a warm coat. The offer, however, was not accepted. At this stage the Judge jocularly remarked "Perhaps if there was a little more discomfort in these offices more sense would be written."

Judgment was awarded to plaintiff for $94.18 with $11.25 court fees and $20 lawyer's fees.

Baptist Churches in Rumania Close

Bucharest, Dec. 15.

The Baptists have closed all their 1,500 churches and missions as a protest against a Government decision requiring fifty signatures from heads of families for permission to conduct each place of worship.—Reuter.

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Lords Debate Jews' Plight in Reich

Refugee Problem Must Be Solved by Nations Of World Co-operating

London, Dec. 15.

The problem of Jewish refugees from Germany was debated in the House of Lords yesterday.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, speaking on behalf of voluntary organizations, emphasized the importance and urgency of finding a permanent abode for the refugees whom Britain was prepared to receive, and expressed the hope that something might be done to pursuade the German Government to allow refugees to bring away with them some of their property to support them after they had left Germany.

Viscount Samuel pointed out that the sum of £100,000 per week was being spent by voluntary organizations. This included the money being spent on refugees in Germany and Vienna.

World Must Solve Issue

Lord Plymouth, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in replying for the Government, assured the House that the Government was fully conscious of the urgency of the problem and was desirous of dealing with it as speedily as possible.

It was a world-wide problem, he said, and must be solved by international co-operation.

Progress, declared Lord Plymouth, depended largely on what was done by the country of origin.

Many refugees, including nurses and domestic servants, he continued, had been admitted into Britain without affecting the British labour market.

The Government, he stated, was prepared to admit as many refugee children as homes were found for. Already 1,000 children had been admitted in this way and the Government expected many thousands of children would finally be allowed to enter Britain.

Referring to British Guiana, Lord Plymouth said that much of its land was forest land but a large area was suitable for refugees.—Reuter.

Seaforths Entertained At Union Church

Women's Guild and Friends Arrange Programme

Union Church Women's Guild, assisted by members of the Tuesday Evening Club and a number of other friends, were hosts to a party of about 100 men of the Seaforth Highlanders at supper and an excellent concert given in the Church Hall on Wednesday evening. The party was arranged by the Guild, and the details were carried through by a sub-committee comprising Mrs. T. Hutchison as chairman, Mrs. C. W. Scott (president) and Mrs. J. A. C. Law, who had the assistance of a number of members of the Church, while the excellent musical programme, arranged by Mrs. Hutchison and Mr. O. G. R. Beynon (hon. secretary of the Men's Club) brought to the front talent of a high order.

The hall was very tastefully decorated for the occasion, and when the guests arrived at eight o'clock a very homely scene met their gaze. A bountiful meal was served, and then the visitors were warmly welcomed by the Rev. C. Wilfred Allan, Officiating Minister, who remarked that Shanghai was not unmindful of the service rendered by the regiment during the stirring incidents of recent months, and Union Church was glad of the opportunity to express its appreciation in a tangible way.

Excellent Musical Programme

With Mr. Donald MacDonald presiding at the piano, the men took part in community singing, which was followed by a varied programme to which the following contributions were made:—Songs by Miss Winifred Allan, Mrs. H. Tomlinson (a visitor from Ningpo), Mr. J. K. Scobie, Mr. G. H. Sutcliffe, and Mr. H. Booth; two very artistic dances in costume by Miss McIlwaine; and two amusing recitations in Scottish dialect by Mr. R. Fyfe.

With more community songs the programme ended, but not before Mr. James Macbeth (Chairman of the Church Committee) had expressed the thanks of the Committee to Mrs. Hutchison and her co-workers and to Mr. Beynon and all who had participated in the musical programme for a most enjoyable evening. Mr. Macbeth, speaking as a "Brither Scot," assured the visitors that Union Church considered it a privilege and a pleasure to be hosts at such a gathering, and he hoped they had spent a very pleasant evening.

The Rev. J. Williamson, chaplain of the Seaforths, thanked all who had assisted in arranging such an enjoyable evening, and the Rev. C. W. Allan and Mr. Macbeth for their very warm welcome, which was so ably backed by the presence and co-operation of many friends. With three rousing cheers by the guests and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem, a very successful gathering dispersed shortly before 11 o'clock.

Three Injured as Wall Collapses Into Lane

Gas Company Boundary Broken in Accident

A portion of a boundary wall of the Shanghai Gas Company collapsed at about 11 o'clock yesterday morning into Lane 661 Yu Ya-ching Road, causing injury to three Chinese men. The victims, all of whom suffered only bruises and abrasions, were taken to the Lester Chinese Hospital in a Fire Brigade ambulance.

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Cardinal Mundelein at the Vatican

George Cardinal Mundelein, Archbishop of Chicago (centre) pictured as he arrived at the Vatican and was ushered into the presence of the Pope, to whom he reported on the recent Eucharistic Congress at New Orleans.

No More Immigrants Can Be Allowed Into Palestine

Commons Statement Bitterly Resented by Jews; Britain Still Refuses to Have Mufti in London

London, Dec. 15.

ANNOUNCING in the House of Commons yesterday that he was unable to agree to immediate additional immigration to Palestine of 10,000 young Jews, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Secretary of State for the Dominions and Colonies, stated that strong representations had been made from Arab quarters that immigration be completely stopped, pending the outcome of the Palestine Conference in London. The Government, he said, felt that to make any alteration in the existing rate of immigration now, would prejudice one of the main subjects of discussion in the coming Conference.

Continuing, Mr. MacDonald said he understood it was desirable for Jewish children to leave Germany. In the meantime, he added, they could be received in Britain, if refugee organizations guaranteed their maintenance. A considerable number of young German refugees, Mr. MacDonald declared, were at present being admitted into Palestine under the existing arrangements.

The Colonial Secretary added that all arrangements for the Palestine Conference had been made but he was unable to state at what date the Conference would begin until he knew when the Palestinian Delegation was appointed and when it could arrive.

When asked later if he would reconsider the desirability of inviting the Mufti, in view of the fact that the Mufti is regarded by a majority of Muslims in Palestine as a leader and prophet, Mr. MacDonald replied: "No."

Alleged German Activities

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, declared in the House of Commons yesterday that he was not in a position to disclose information received by the Government, when he was asked for information concerning alleged German activities in Palestine relating to the passage of German moneys through Damascus and the printing of anti-Semitic literature in Arabic.

The Government's information, Mr. Butler added, did not bear out all the accounts appearing in the press and elsewhere. Activities such as those suggested, he said, would be a matter of serious concern to the Government.

Mr. Butler stated in the House yesterday that regarding facilities for the emigration of Jews from Germany, the Government had from time to time been in communication with the German Government about the initiation of discussions between the German authorities and the Director of the Inter-Governmental Committee concerning the question. No definite reply had, however, yet been received.

Jews Resent Statements

The headquarters of the Jewish Agency has received messages from all parts of the world urging a reconsideration of the decision to participate in the forthcoming Palestine discussions, according to a spokesman of the Agency.

He ascribes this attitude to bitterness among Zionists at the statement made by Mr. Malcolm MacDonald in the House of Commons regarding the immigration of Jewish refugees into Palestine.—Reuter and Wireless.

Suez Canal Tariff Cut in Effect

Paris, Dec. 15.

The Suez Canal Company has announced that the reduction of transit dues, decided by the Administration Council on September 1, will enter into effect as from today. The reduction is by three pence on six shillings per ton.—Havas.

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Attempted Heroin Sale Leads to Jail

Three Russians and Two Chinese Sentenced

One year's imprisonment was the judgment given yesterday by the First Special District Court to three Russians who last week tried to sell a large quantity of imitation heroin to a police informer. Their names are Georgy S. Anisimoff, Genady C. Von Arnold and Deo N. Primortzeff.

Their two Chinese accomplices, Miao Vee-hung and Woo Wei-ling, were given one year and six months respectively on charges of possession of heroin and attempted fraud.

Anishimoff was extradited to the French police as at the time of his arrest a quantity of opium was found in his French Concession home.

The unsuccessful transaction was held in a house in Connaught Road where the police informer was shown some sample packets containing genuine heroin. Pretending to be buying the drug, the police informer agreed to buy 25 ounces of heroin with $2,000. At the time of delivery, Detective Sub-Inspector J. Y. Hillhouse intervened and arrested the accused. The five accused were found to have presented valueless powder instead of heroin at the time of delivery.

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Terrorist's Sentence Reduced

Life Term Changed to One Of Seven Years

The life imprisonment sentence passed sometime ago by the First Special District Court on Yang Chia-chu, head of the general department of the Asia Development Society, an anti-Chinese terrorist gang formerly operating in Hongkew for his implication in the brutal murder of Tsai Teau-tu, late manager of the closed "China Social Evening News" whose decapitated head was found in a French Concession street many months ago, has been commuted into a seven-year prison term.

Yang received a lighter sentence as a result of his filing an appeal with the Second Branch Kiangsu High Court which changed the decision made by the lower court in favour of Yang. Two other members of the same society who also appealed against two three-year prison terms imposed upon them by the lower court were not pardoned and they are to serve three years in gaol.

During the previous hearings, it was revealed that the Chinese newspaperman was lured to go to Hongkew where he was invited to dinner in the New Asia Hotel. After the dinner he left and a day later his decapitated head was found in the Concession with a note warning people taking anti-Japanese attitude attached to it. The police produced strong evidence against the accused who allegedly plotted the whole affair. One of Yang's accomplices was said to be a neighbour of the late Mr. Tsai.

Concession Telephone Break Under Repair

Damage Expected to Be Made Good by Tonight

Telephone subscribers in the area bounded by Avenue Foch, Avenue Joffre, Rue Cardinal Mercier and Route Lorton have suffered some inconvenience during the past two days due to an accident which damaged one of the main feeder cables during work on water mains in Avenue du Roi Albert.

This accident placed a 900 pair cable and certain branch cables entirely out of commission, and rendered it necessary to replace a length of 300 feet in the underground ducts.

The trouble immediately became apparent by its effect on the exchange equipment, and was speedily located by means of special testing apparatus maintained by the Telephone Company for this purpose. Since the afternoon of December 13, repairmen have been working day and night to restore service as quickly as possible, but since the work involves making no less than 4800 single wire splices, and because each individual wire must be spliced to its correct counterpart, it is not expected that the last line will be fully restored before this evening.

An official of the Company expressed regret for the unavoidable inconvenience to the public and stated that 300 lines already had been restored up to 8 a.m. yesterday also that every effort is being made in the interests of the subscribers.

Three Houses Damaged In Hongkew Blaze

Three Chinese dwelling-houses in Lane 380, East Seward Road, were swept by fire late yesterday morning. One house was severely damaged, while the other two were only slightly affected. No-one was injured. Firemen from Hongkew Station extinguished the flames.

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Reimbursements			Drawn by Bond Nos.	Total
1	Special Reimbursement	of $26,804	15906	$ 26,804
26	First reimbursements	of $ 2,000 each	1969 4017 4252 5002 6475 6785 8080 10317 11478 13374 15245 35211 36038 37159 37886 41498 41602 41870 42161 45696 46030 47219 51028 51627 51746 53142	$ 52,000
26	Second "	of $ 300 each	1363 2564 4909 6109 6396 6942 9501 9534 9755 10618 10855 13228 15680 16651 17011 17644 23501 31860 33478 35215 35329 38030 47917 48254 51700 52301	$ 7,800
26	Third "	of $ 200 each	2454 5492 9376 11274 13533 14342 16714 16979 17059 18952 19275 25295 25927 27689 28909 29467 31210 31348 35339 35689 36460 42816 43155 45260 45948 50934	$ 5,200
26	Fourth "	of $ 100 each	235 3110 3536 3567 6132 7958 8560 10871 12335 12871 13022 19459 19660 33736 35625 36284 36351 38236 41076 42487 43629 47506 47547 51631 51738 52644	$ 2,600
1	Supplementary "	of $ 1,609	40059	$ 1,609
1	" "	of $ 241	15	$ 241
1	" "	of $ 161	52616	$ 161
1	" "	of $ 80	44984	$ 80
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Japan Navy Budget Cut Y.26,440,000

Spokesman Declares No Fears Felt Over Vast U.S. Building Schemes

Tokyo, Dec. 15.

Naval estimates for the 1939-40 fiscal year will amount to Y.653,942,000, a reduction of Y.26,440,000 compared to appropriations for the present year, the Navy Ministry announced today.

Increases were, however, made in individual items representing new demands for appropriations or increases in basic estimates.

Major items in the latter were Y.10,329,000 for the maintenance of new warships; Y.3,061,000 for increases in the personnel of naval arsenals and other establishments; Y.2,833,000 for replenishing warship complements; Y.699,000 for the maintenance of aircraft; Y.7,833,000 for the modernization of warcraft, and Y.5,524,000 for replacing used material.

Japan finds no cause to "worry" over the reported construction of two 45,000-ton battleships by the United States Navy, even if the current reports are true, a spokesman for the Navy Ministry said today when asked by foreign correspondents whether Japan's naval programme would be affected by the alleged United States building plans.

The Japanese Navy has carefully studied all steps to cope with every possible situation and subsequently formulated its own policy, which, the spokesman declared, could not be divulged.

Because of various reports on the American Navy's plans, the real building programme could hardly be known, the spokesman remarked.—Domei.

U.S. Super-Dreadnaught Scheme in Review

President Roosevelt to Give Decision Soon

Washington, Dec. 14.

Sources close to the White House disclosed that President Roosevelt was studying an unofficial National Defence Committee recommendation calling for the construction of one of the largest and most powerful super-dreadnaughts in naval history.

Tentative plans for this vessel indicate that it would be slightly under 45,000 tons displacement and approximately 710 feet long. Armaments proposed included twelve 16-inch guns. The cost would be nearly U.S.$100,000,000.

Authoritative quarters stated that the President had decided to ask funds for the construction of at least two battleships during 1939, but that he had not decided whether to develop super-warships of the type mentioned today.

Official quarters indicated that the Navy budget for the next fiscal year may include estimates in excess of U.S.$700,000,000.—United Press.

Polish Jews Expelled from Germany Seek Shelter

"Where can we go?" is the question on the minds of these Polish Jews expelled from Germany and placed in a temporary camp at Zbonszyn, Poland, on the German border. The refugees are huddled in a stable. They are part of 7,000 Jews recently driven from Germany, and apparently the Polish government was not prepared for their arrival, for no adequate preparations had been made for them when they crossed the border. About 1,000 were billeted in a large stable.

Czech Government Wins Plenary Powers

Period of Two Years Allowed For Reconstruction

Prague, Dec. 15.

The Czechoslovakian Parliament, by 148 votes to 16, yesterday accorded the Government plenary powers for two years.

By this action, the Government will have a free hand to proceed with its plans for social and economic reconstruction.

When the session ends this week, Parliament is not likely to meet again until certain parties, including the Communists, are completely dissolved.

Herr Ernst Kundt, leader of the Germans remaining in Czechoslovakia, has promised to support the Government "so long as the rights of the minority, whose leader is Herr Adolph Hitler, are respected."—Reuter.

Women Admitted in Colonial Offices

London, Dec. 15.

The removal of the restriction on the admission of women to administrative staffs of the Dominion's and Colonial offices, was announced by Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Secretary of State for the Dominions and Colonies, in the House of Commons yesterday.—Reuter.

Nationalist Officers Desert

London, Dec. 14.

A persistent rumour in Barcelona alleges that the awaited Nationalist Spanish offensive has been delayed because a number of officers have deserted, taking with them the complete plans for the projected drive, the "Daily Express" reported today in a despatch from Barcelona.—Havas.

Arab Leaders Held in "Preventive" Arrest

Troops Called to Quell Jerusalem Demonstration

Jerusalem, Dec. 14.

Several Arab leaders were arrested in Nablus today upon "preventive warrants" and were interned in concentration camps.

This action provoked a manifestation by the people and troops had to be called out to establish order.

Meanwhile, however, 100 people held in custody were released today.

Terrorism continued in Palestine today when rebels attacked the Jewish colony of Hanita. Terrorists appear to be particularly disorderly in the northern regions, and troops engaged the rebels there this afternoon. The clash was still being fought out towards evening.—Havas.

Tientsin Well Guarded For Celebration

Precautions Taken That Observance was Unmarred

Tientsin, Dec. 15.

Elaborate celebrations were held in the Japanese area of Tientsin yesterday, on the occasion of the first anniversary of the formation of the Peiping "Provisional Government," which was proclaimed as a holiday. Numerous official functions were held.

Chinese and Japanese officials exercised the most extensive precautions, including the holding up of all traffic entering and leaving the Japanese area, and the French Concession.

All passengers and pedestrians were searched, and had to discard cigarettes and matches before approaching the barriers.

There was an unprecedented traffic jam, but no incidents were reported.—Reuter.

Nippon Police Officer For Kulangssu?

Appointment of a Japanese deputy commissioner of Police at Kulangssu, the foreign settlement of Amoy, will take place shortly, the "Shanghai Mainichi" here reported yesterday on the basis of a Chinese report from Chuanchow, Fukien.

More than ten Formosan policemen will also be added to the force, the daily stated.

Japanese Foreign Trade Expands

Good Balance Within Yen Bloc But Adverse Balance Outside Line

Tokyo, Dec. 15.

Enforcement of further measures to develop Japan's foreign trade and to increase gold production at home was urged by Mr. Seihin Ikeda, Finance Minister, in a discussion of next year's budget with Speakers of the Diet and representatives of political parties yesterday.

The balance of Japan's foreign trade so far this year shows more than Y.47,000,000 on the credit side against an adverse balance of Y.645,000,000 in the corresponding period of last year, Mr. Ikeda pointed out.

Undue optimism, however, was deprecated by the Finance Minister. Analyzing overseas trade, he said it showed a favourable balance with the yen bloc countries but an adverse balance with other foreign countries.

Referring to the Y.860,000,000 worth of gold specie shipped abroad last year, Mr. Ikeda said gold shipments abroad this year were much smaller but still amounted to a considerable sum.

Bond Redemption

He pointed out that next year's ordinary budget contained Y.706,000,000 for redemption and service of government bonds and Y.90,000,000 for a reserve fund.

Commenting on the estimated state revenue, he said Y.2,069,000,000 represented a tax revenue increase of Y.264,000,000 over that of the current year.

A deficit of Y.809,000,000 in revenue would be met by issues of government bonds, he said.

Mr. Ikeda stated that Y.3,450,000,000 worth of government bonds out of scheduled issues totalling Y.5,628,000 already had been put on the market and absorbed "smoothly," thanks to the thrift drive successfully carried out in all parts of the country.—Domei.

German Envoy Annoyed By Caricatures

Another Reason for Not Attending Press Dinner

London, Dec. 14.

The German Ambassador in London, Dr. Herbert von Dirksen, in addition to objecting to passages of Mr. Neville Chamberlain's speech on Britain's foreign policy at the Foreign Press Association dinner last night, disliked the caricatures on the menu, it was learned today.

The caricatures included humorous drawings of Field Marshal Hermann Goering, German Air Minister, and Herr Joseph Goebbels, Propaganda Minister.

A German newspaperman said the German Ambassador" was most annoyed at Field Marshal Goering's being depicted as a huntsman..... shown like a balloon.....Herr Goebbels was shown as a waiter."

Signor Benito Mussolini was pictured as a toastmaster saluting like a Fascist.—United Press.

Japan Under No Illusion About China

Mr. Y. Suma Explains Stand In Washington

Washington, Dec. 14.

Mr. Yakichiro Suma, Japanese Chargé d'Affaires in Washington, today made a speech in which he predicted the development of a federal form of government for China.

Mr. Suma stated that the natural development of the situation in China would probably lead to a federal system of government, with the agreement and participation of four regional governments in the central organization.

"We Japanese," he declared, "are not under the illusion that we can 'conquer' China. That is not our aim and never has been. We are surgeons and this conflict has been a major operation. However, China will heal herself."—United Press.

Christmas Issue of "The Blue Cross"

The Christmas issue of the "Blue Cross," journal of the Shanghai Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, is now in circulation and throughout its pages there is much to interest the lover of animals.

In addition to surveys of the humane work of the Society there are several special articles dealing with birds and beasts to be seen in China and some "do's and don't" for local riders. The results of the children's snapshot competition are published and the whole production is filled with interesting pictures.

Lithuania Wants to Hold Memel

German Interpretation of Statute Acceptable

Kaunas, Dec. 15.

It is understood in authoritative quarters that the Lithuanian Government would be prepared to accept the German interpretation of the Memel Statute in order to stabilise the situation, but would never agree to the detachment of Memel territory from Lithuania.

Although the official result of the Memel elections for an autonomous Diet will not be known for a day or two, the German Party is generally conceded to have gained about 26 of the 29 seats.—Reuter.

Mr. Tani Recalled, May Go to Paris

Mr. Masayuki Tani, Japanese minister-at-large in Shanghai, yesterday morning received instructions from the Gaimusho to return to Tokyo, a spokesman for the Japanese Consulate-General here announced yesterday noon.

While the purpose of his recall could not be learned, it was generally understood among well-informed Japanese here that he would be appointed Ambassador to France succeeding Dr. Yotaro Sugimura, who is reported to be in poor health.

Mr. Tani arrived in Shanghai on March 7 to assume the post of minister-at-large. Prior to his appointment to Shanghai he was Japanese Minister in Vienna.

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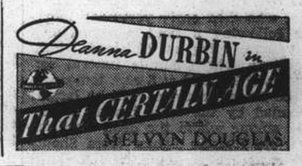

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THE SPORTS PAGE

H.M.S. Kent Gives Lido First Taste of Defeat

Chinese Team Beaten 1-0 ; Initial Loss of Usually High-Scoring Club Seen by Big Crowd

CONVERTING a penalty kick in the last five minutes, H.M.S. Kent scored a close victory over the Lido Recreation Association at Kiaochow Park yesterday in a friendly football game before a crowd of over 1,000 spectators. The Chinese eleven missed a number of chances through slowness in front of the goal. The Navy team played a bustling game. Their defence was strong as both the backs and the three halves gave a sterling performance which at no time allowed Lido to settle down.

The sailors kicked off with the wind at their back. T. Campbell, centre-forward, threatened immediately and nearly broke through twice. N.Z. Lee, centre-half, kept a close watch on the raider. Goodwin and Nolan, the two inside forwards, were also active and plied the two wingers with passes.

Having spent about ten minutes in defensive play, the Lido vanmen started to press the Navy territory. K. S. Suen, who returned from Hongkong last Sunday, was instrumental in creating openings for his colleagues but the Navy defenders were always on the spot to turn the attackers away. Knowles, centre-half, was most prominent in these measures and was on top of the Chinese forwards all the time.

M. S. Chang sent over two lovely shots but Z. Kiang was too slow to make connection. Tseng also crossed over two fine kicks which were nullified by Y. N. Shah. In the other end of the field Palmer, outside right, combined smoothly with Campbell. The latter almost scored when his header was saved by Goalkeeper Cheng.

Midway in the half, Suen drove a beautiful shot from about ten yards away. T. Dickerson, the custodian, dived to save a certain goal. Later on Shah had a glorious chance to tally but he tapped the ball to the wrong side of the post, missing the net by a scant foot or two.

Narrow Escapes

Towards the closing stages of the opening period Campbell again descended upon Lido's citadel. Twice the fullbacks had to run back and force an abortive corner. Blakelock, right-half, banged a long shot from a distance of 30 yards. The ball missed the rectangular by a few feet to give Chen a severe fright.

A few minutes before half-time Lee worked the ball up the field and participated in the attack. He and Sueh showed fine understanding but the Navy defenders were hard to beat, especially Goalkeeper Dickerson who saved time after time.

Determined to win the game, the sailors began to bombard the opposing goal right after the resumption. Fast and tricky plays tore Lido's halves to pieces. For ten minutes the ball was constantly kept within the Chinese half of the field. Goodwin missed a great opportunity as he placed the ball two feet outside of the post. Palmer lobbed over a few good shots but Campbell was too closely marked. Nolan was free most of the time as Lido's backs paid too much attention to Campbell. Fortunately, he was unable to take advantage and, although having one or two chances, his efforts were unavailing.

In the middle of the half Tseng made several fire cross-overs. Two times there occurred a scramble in front of Dickerson's goal. Shah threw away another golden opportunity by driving wild when he was left incovered.

The sailors pressed once again. Their halves gave fine support, intercepting Lido's passes and feeding their forwards to the best of their ability. During the scramble Lee incidently handled the ball within the back area. Palmer took the kick and easly beat Chen with a high shot to win the encounter by a lone goal.

The teams were as follows:—

H.M.S. KENT:—T. Dickerson, Lovett, D. Dickerson, Blakelock, Knowles, Cogger, Palmer, Goodwin, T. Campbell, Nolan, S. Campbell.

LIDO:—T. Y. Chen, N. L. Meng, Y. H. Tong, V. D. Yung, N. Z. Lee, K. L. Yang, M. S. Chang, Y. N. Shih, K. S. Suen, Z. Kiang, Y. T. Tseng.

Boxers Honour Shelaeff

Benefit Card Will Be Supported to Assist Dead Boy's Parents

San Francisco, Dec. 14.

Scores of battle-scarred boxers today trooped past the body of Andre Shelaeff, Oriental welterweight champion who died early yesterday morning following a bout with George Salvadore, lying at Halstead Dierks Mortuary where simple funeral services will be held at 8 a.m. tomorrow.

The funeral services will be largely attended by the local boxing fraternity among whom the dead eighteen-year-old Russian fighter from Shanghai was very popular. A large gathering is expected for the youthful Russian gained a wide circle of friends in the short time he had joined the local boxing fraternity.

Mass will be celebrated at the Russian Church here at 9 a.m. on Friday after which Shelaeff will be laid to rest at the Serbian Cemetery under the auspices and the expense of the California State Athletic Commission. George Payne, chairman of the commission, claimed the body today.

Seelig Deeply Grieved

Heinrich Seelig, portly manager of the dead Russian boxer, grieved deeply for he had acted more as a father than a manager to the young Russian and had been associated with Shelaeff ever since he first took him in hand at Harbin at the age of fifteen.

He sadly recounted Shelaeff's plans of the last few days. Shelaeff wished to stay in the United States and on Monday jested about obtaining permission to remain, Seelig said.

The dead boxer's manager also pointed out that had Shelaeff been living today he would have been nineteen years of age.

Tony Olivera, twenty-year-old Portuguese bantamweight and probably Shelaeff's closest friend among the local boxers, was greatly despondent over the sudden death of his comrade. He wept when he learned of the death of his friend, for he had planned a big celebration for Shelaeff on the occasion of the Russian's nineteenth birthday which was to have been today.

Benefit Card for Parents

Seelig also said that he had already started negotiations with local boxing promoters for the staging of a special benefit card early in 1939 with the purpose of turning over the proceeds to Shelaeff's parents in Harbin.

Local boxing promoters and boxers promised to give him every aid in staging this special charity card, he said. It is expected that some of San Francisco's leading boxers will appear on the card in a voluntary capacity so that all of the gate receipts might be sent to the dead Russian youth's parents.

The January issue of the popular boxing magazine "Ring" is carrying a complete story about Shelaeff, recounting his exploits in the Orient, it was learned.—United Press.

Canidrome Results

1—440 yd. flat.—1, Quicksand; 2, Fearless Foe.
Also ran:—Red Terror, Irish Molly, Sir Sewu, Speed Cop.
2 lengths.—Time, 26.79.
Win, $14.00. Forecast (3-4) Div. $64.80.
Place, 1st $7.80; 2nd $9.60.
2—500 yd. flat.—1, Mercury; 2, Zingaro.
Also ran:—Drummock Belle, Adowa, The Mate, Impudence.
5 lengths.—Time, 31.30.
Win, $11.10. Forecast (6-4) Div. $30.80.
Place, 1st $6.70; 2nd $6.80.
Double Event 1/2 (3-6) Div. $17.20.
3—500 yd. flat.—1, Vita Spermin; 2 D.H., Sam Holer and Gator.
Also ran:—Uranus, Wild Wind, Vanity Fair.
1½, Dead heat.—Time, 31.09.
Win, $19.70. Forecast (4-3 and 4-6) Div. $25.30 and $29.60.
Place, 1st, $6.50; 2nd, 06.50, $5.90.
Double Event 2/3 (6-4) Div. $18.40.
4—500 yd. flat.—1, Dannybrook; 2, Last Ray.
Also ran:—Arrow, Perfect Peal, Simple Dale, Luss Shore.
11 lengths.—Time, 31.13.
Win, $13.50. Forecast (6-1) Div. $91.80.
Place, 1st $11.90; 2nd $19.60.
Double Event 3/4 (4-6) Div. $19.70.
5—500 yd. flat.—1, Diavolo; 2, Brass Hat.
Short head.—Time, 30.88.
Win, $13.30. Forecast (32) Div. $44.30.
Place, 1st $8.60; 2nd $12.50.
Double Event 4/5 (6-3) Div. $17.00.
6—500 yd. flat.—1, Jorrock's Alone; 2, La Donna.
1½ length.—Time, 30.32.
Win, $20.60. Forecast (6-5) Div. $173.10.
Place, 1st $13.60; 2nd $15.00.
Double Event 5/6 (3-6) Div. $33.70.
7—500 yd. flat.—1, Pierce Arrow; 2, Corinthian.
2 lengths.—Time, 30.44.
Win, $15.40. Forecast (5-4) Div. $100.10.
Place, 1st $9.70; 2nd $17.40.
Double Event 6/7 (6-5) Div. $24.80.
8—500 yd. flat.—1, Woosung; 2, Broute.
1½ length.—Time, 30.29.
Win, $40.00. Forecast (3-5) Div. $120.70.
Place, 1st $15.70; 2nd $12.90.
Double Event 7/8 (5-3) Div. $46.00.
9—500 yd. flat.—1, Mad Jack; 2, Kestrel Hawk.
7 lengths.—Time, 29.64.
Win, $15.00. Forecast (1-2) Div. $81.60.
Place, 1st $9.10; 2nd $11.00.
Double Event 8/9 (3-1) Div. $46.50.
10—500 yd. flat.—1, Maid of Skye; 2, Flintship.
field.
4 lengths.—Time, 29.48.
Win, $23.80. Forecast (2-1) Div. $95.30.
Place, 1st $11.70; 2nd $11.40.
Double Event 9/10 (1-2) Div. $49.50.
11—525 yd. flat.—1, Jimmy; 2, Nancy Blue.
1½ length.—Time, 30.69.
Win, $13.40, Forecast (3-2) Div. $60.40.
Place, 1st $11.30; 2nd $18.20.
Double Event 10/11 (2-3) Div. $40.70.
12—525 yd. flat.—1, China Pearl; 2, Albatross.
2 lengths.—Time, 30.84.
Win, $56.10. Forecast (4-5) Div. $472.90.
Place, 1st $28.30; 2nd $14.20.
Double Event 11/12 (3-4) Div. $93.80.

Instructions From an Expert

Despite the pouring rain, Lady Heathcoat-Amory, the former Miss Joyce Wethered, greatest woman golfer, and her husband, kept their promise and recently opened the six-hole golf course which has been laid out in the grounds of the Heathfield School for Young Ladies at Ascot, Berks. The picture shows Lady Heathcoat-Amory putting on the 6th with her "heroine-worshipping" gallery watching intently.

Farr to Meet Nova for World Heavyweight

Winner to Box Against Joe Louis for Title

London, Dec. 15.

Tommy Farr, former British heavyweight champion, is the favourite 8 to 5 on to beat the 23 year-old, six-footed Californian, Lou Nova, in a 15-round elimination contest for the world's heavyweight championship.

The winner is promised a world title bout with Joe Louis.

Farr, who lost all three of his fights in America, threatens to retire from the ring if he fails to beat Nova.

Nova has suffered only one defeat since he turned professional in 1936, and is considered by competent judges to be a future Gene Tunney or Corbett. He adopts the British upright style of boxing.

Farr declares that he is in excellent condition, and expects to set the pace in an endeavour to secure an early knockout.—Reuter.

Mansfield and Halifax Draw Again

F.A. Cup Replay Results In Even Score

London, Dec. 15.

The replay yesterday between Mansfield and Halifax in the second round of the F. A. Cup resulted in another draw.

Both teams at the end of the match had three goals to their credit and despite the fact that extra time was played no definite decision was reached.

In the first match, played on December 10, the score was one goal all.—Reuter.

Local Football This Week-end

The following are the S.F.A. fixtures for the week-end:

SATURDAY

Junior Cup 1st Round.—Kwang Lou (Replay) *v.* Area Details, Kiaochow, 2.30 p.m., G. Tai.
1st division.—Seaforths (replay) *v.* A.S.F., Canidrome, 2.30 p.m., W. T. Sung; S.M.P. *v.* S.R.C., R.G.2, O. G. R. Beynon. Line: F. C. Hale, P. Drossel.
Reserve division.—S.M.P. *v.* Seaforths, R.G.5, E. M. Marchetti.
2nd division.—J.R.C. *v.* Abteilung, R.G.1, N. Fadeyeff.
3rd division.—Bramtoco *v.* R.A.M.C., S.R.C., A. L. McCorkindale.

SUNDAY

Junior Cup 1st Round.—Tung Wen *v.* U.U. Party, Kiaochow, 2.30 p.m., F. C. Hale.
1st division.—Tung Hwa *v.* Surreys, Canidrome, 10.30 a.m., S. E. Burt. Line: J. Anderson, A. G. B. Carnell.
Reserve division.—Aurora *v.* Surreys, Kiaochow, 10.45 a.m., T. Z. Liu.
2nd division.—Russ Regt. *v.* J.A.C., R.G.5, H. A. Harrs; Area Details *v.* Sokol, S.R.C., A. Sinclair.
3rd division.—Russ. Club *v.* Betar, R.G.1, H. F. Marshall; P.T.H. *v.* Vitiaz, R.G.2, S. Neumann.

Union Jack Club Cup Football Begins

Seaforths "C" Defeat Surreys "D"

The first match in the first round of the Union Jack Club soccer cup was played yesterday afternoon between teams representing "C" Company Seaforth Highlanders and "D" Company East Surrey Regiment, resulting in a win for the former team by the convincing score of four goals to one.

The Seaforth team were a very workmanlike combination and should do very well in this competition, having in their ranks Campbell, McDonald and McShannon in the defence, and Duncan in the forward line, all first team players, while Cameron in goal, plays for the second team, definitely a strong team, for an inter-company competition.

The Surreys however played a good game, the best goal of the match coming from the foot of their outside-right. The scorers for the Highlanders were Miller 2, Quinn 1 and Duncan 1. Both teams played with ten men in the second half, the left back of the Surreys and McShannon of the Seaforths being injured.

Dear Wins British Open Squash Title

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 15.

James Dear won the British Open squash title yesterday, beating A. E. Biddle by 6-9, 9-1, 9-6. Dear won the first match last week by three games to two. The Egyptian, Amr Bey, who held the title for five years, did not compete.—Reuter.

Big Lightweight Battle At Harringay Tonight

Eric Boon After Crowley's Championship

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 15.

One of the most thrilling lightweight boxing contests for years is anticipated at the Harringay Area tonight, when the Londoner, Dave Crowley, will defend his British championship against the 18-year-old blacksmith's assistant, Eric Boon, of Cambridgeshire. The contest will be over 15 rounds.

Boon will undoubtedly bank everything on his exceptional punching ability, but it is problematical whether he is capable of creating the necessary openings again an experienced opponent like Crowley, whose bobbing, weaving and non-stop methods make him a difficult target.—Reuter.

Giants Buy Zeke Bonura

New York, Dec. 11.

The New York Giants today bought Zeke Bonura, burly first baseman, from the Washington Senators for an undisclosed amount of cash and two players, Tom Baker and Jim Carlin.—United Press.

Ladies' Open Golf Championship

Mrs. Burton Defeats Mrs. Gordon Overwhelmingly In Final Round

Mrs. Burton again displayed her prowess on the golf links by winning in convincing fashion the Ladies' Open Golf Championship at the Hungjao Golf Club's course which has been played off during November and December.

Going through the preliminary rounds with considerable ease, each match consisting of 18 holes, Mrs. Burton then scored an overwhelming victory in the 36-hole final round by defeating Mrs. Gordon by 14 up and 13 holes to play.

The full results were:

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. Gordon beat Mrs. Barter 4 and 3.
Mme. Laffond beat Mrs. Innes 3 and 1.
Mrs. Omond beat Mrs. Howell 7 and 6.
Mrs. Burton beat Mrs. Rigden 6 and 4.
Mrs. Germ beat Mrs. Gubb 1 up.
Mrs. Watson beat Mrs. Maitland w.o.

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. Davis beat Mrs. Harrison 1 up.
Mrs. Gordon beat Mme. Laffond 4 and 2.
Mrs. Burton beat Mrs. Omond
Mrs. Germ beat Mrs. Watson 4 and 3.

SEMI-FINALS

Mrs. Gordon beat Mrs. Davis 2 up.
Mrs. Burton beat Mrs. Germ 6 and 4.

FINAL

Mrs. Burton beat Mrs. Gordon 14 and 13.

Shanghai Hockey Club Week-end Teams

The Shanghai Hockey Club will be involved in four matches this week-end. Tomorrow, the "A" team will meet the German "A" on R.G. 6, beginning at 2.45 p.m. and the "B" team will meet the East Surreys on R.G. 7 at 3.30 p.m. On Sunday, the "C" team will play the German "C" at 2.45 p.m. on R.G. 7 and the "D" eleven will meet An Army XI at 2.45 p.m. on the S.C.C. ground.

The S.H.C. teams are:

S.H.C. "A."—J. Pullen, H. K. Cassels, H. A. Crickmer, C. B. Broadbent (capt.), D. S. Harley, B. K. Wallace, J. S. Kenyon, L. G. Shellam, A. Maude, J. W. Pote-Hunt, R. J. Parsons. Umpire:—R. Babbington.

S.H.C. "B."—E. Brazel, J. H. Blakelock (capt.), E. Beeching, J. Larsen, E. W. Price, W. M. Macoustra, P. Watkin-Williams, G. A. Churchill, T. G. C. Knight, J. Robertson, G. J. Read. Umpire:—L. W. Pettit.

S.H.C. "C."—J. C. Jenkins, G. T. Gambling (capt.), J. Larsen, J. Fairbairn, F. C. Warburton, J. R. Kale, T. H. Wood, C. Woolhouse, P. F. Watkinson, R. M. P. Skinner, H. W. Carter. Umpire:—R. J. Whitehead.

S.H.C. "D."—A. J. Evans (capt.), L. W. R. McLaren, E. A. Jolley, E. Brazel, W. M. Macoustra, E. W. Bannister, R. C. P. Rouse, J. Pullen, J. W. Galvin, G. J. Read, L. Underwood. Umpire:—C. B. Broadbent.

Vindictive Cup Won By H.M.S. Kent

Country Club Defeated By Single Match

For the first time in a long while, the Vindictive Cup for squash rackets has been taken from the Country Club. Put up by the Country Club for challenge, it has remained snugly on the Club's premises as all invaders have been turned back, until yesterday when a team representing H.M.S. Kent won by the odd match in five.

The last match of the competition, on which the outcome depended, was the best of the afternoon being very fast and hard-fought, Cmdr. E. C. Clifford just managing to subdue T. F. MacCabe in four games. The full results were:

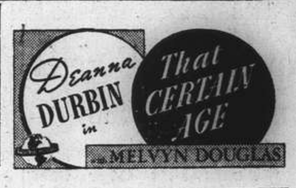
H. K. Cassels defeated Lieut. P. J. Milner-Barry 9-4, 7-9, 9-7, 7-9, 9-4.
W. A. Welch lost to Lieut. F. T. Holford 4-9, 10-8, 4-9, 8-10.
F. E. T. Marshall lost to Lieut. J. E. Stevens 6-8, 9-7, 6-9, 7-9.
W. A. Hogarth beat Lieut. P. C. R. Arbuthnot 9-3, 5-5, 9-6.
T. F. MacCabe lost to Cmdr. E. C. Clifford 10-8, 6-9, 5-9, 6-9.

Rugby Union Result

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 14.

In a Rugby Union match played at Bexhill today, Sussex lost to Middlesex by 11 points to 27.—Reuter.



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Britain May Grant China Financial Aid

Scheme to Combat Japanese Economic Drive Mooted; Commons Question on Kiangyin Boom

London, Dec. 15.

THE Lobby correspondent of the Financial Times says that the British Government is considering the possibility of granting China financial aid in order to "counteract Japan's economic drive contrary to the Open Door policy and the Nine-Power Treaty."

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, replied in the negative in the House of Commons yesterday when asked if he had been officially informed of Japan's intentions regarding foreign capital investments in China in all enterprises considered essential to defence, and economically necessary to Japan.

When asked in the House of Commons yesterday whether the Government proposed to direct His Majesty's ships to remove the boom across the international highway of the Yangtze River, Mr. Butler stated that the Japanese Government claimed that the Kiangyin boom was opened only sufficiently to provide for the passage of Japanese warships and military transports. The difficulties arising from this position, he said, were now under review.

Anomaly in Manchuria

Sir John Haslam, Conservative member for Bolton, asked Mr. Butler yesterday whether he was aware that exporters of soya beans from Manchuria had to pay fourteen pence per yen to the Japanese authorities to secure exchange and that a Japanese Mitsui combine sold exchange at a much lower rate.

He also asked the Under-Secretary whether he would direct the attention of the Japanese Government to this discrepancy.

Mr. Butler replied that he had had no report on the subject but would make enquiries.

When asked by Sir John Haslam whether he knew that the Japanese authorities in Tsingtao had placed an embargo on the export of cotton yarns, Mr. Butler answered that an embargo on the export of cotton, not specifically cotton yarn, from Tientsin had been promulgated on December 6 and that the matter was now under consideration.—Reuter.

U.S. $25,000,000 in Loan to China

Export-Import Credit Bank Arrangement Now Ready for Conclusion

Washington, Dec. 14.

The Export-Import Bank was planning to loan a sum of U.S.$25,000,000 to China, presumably for the purchase of motor-trucks and motor fuel in the United States, well-informed quarters reported here today.

However, it was pointed out that the deal could not be concluded until President Franklin D. Roosevelt gave his official approval. The projected loan would mark the successful consummation of several month's negotiations with Government finance bodies and independent financiers on the part of the Chinese financial mission headed by Dr. K. P. Chen.

It was understood that under the terms of the proposed loan the credits would not be extended directly to the Chinese Government, but would be extended to Chinese private interests through the Export-Import Bank.

The impression prevailed among interested circles here that the projected loan would be linked, at least indirectly, with the Government's purchase of Chinese silver. It was suggested that silver would be used in repaying the loan, or as security for credits.

It was understood that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, the parent body governing the Export-Import Bank, was at present drafting a proposal of concrete terms of the loan which would be submitted to President Roosevelt in the near future.

To Increase Chinese Exports

Chungking, Dec. 15.

Many prominent bankers and Government leaders have been appointed members of the Standing Committee of the Trade Commission of the Ministry of Finance, principally for the purpose of encouraging an increase in Chinese exports.

The members of the Commission include:—Messrs. Soong Tze-liang, Pei Sung-sun, Tang Shou-min, Lu Tso-fu, O. K. Yui, (former Mayor of the Municipality of Greater Shanghai), Li Fu-sun and Kang Sing-ju.

Proposals to assist export merchants included:—Firstly, exemption from payment of export duties; Secondly, Government payment of war insurance premiums; Thirdly, Government handling of transportation for export products; and Fourthly, Government credit grants.—Reuter.

Czech Stand on Jewish Issue Watched

Britain May Make Gift of £4,000,000 If Satisfied

London, Dec. 14.

Czechoslovakia's attitude towards the Jewish problem will probably have great influence upon the British Treasury's final stand in present Anglo-Czech financial parleys here, Parliamentarians stated today.

The Czech delegation would like to obtain the grant of a total sum of £30,000,000 as a loan from Britain. Prague has already obtained £10,000,000 and has already spent these credits, representing one-third of the figures set in its demand right after the Munich Agreement.

Informed quarters believe there is no question of London granting a further £20,000,000 but Prague might secure the gift of £4,000,000 of the sum already obtained if the Czech Government's attitude towards Jewish emigration from Germany and the occupied Sudeten regions is satisfactory.

Germany is trying to lead Prague to adopt an intransigent stand on the question of Jewish emigration, it was stated here.—Havas.

Revenge Seen Behind Murder Attack

Three Chinese Charged with Shooting Merchant

The attempted murder committed on Monday afternoon in Avenue Edward VII when a Chinese merchant Li Hung-shing was shot three times by a man who was arrested on the spot was an act of personal revenge resulting from jealousy in business rivalry. This was revealed in the First Special District Court yesterday when three men, including the would-be assassin himself were brought up for trial. The attacker admitted that he had shot Li but the two other accused denied knowledge of the murder plot. The hearing was postponed to December 24.

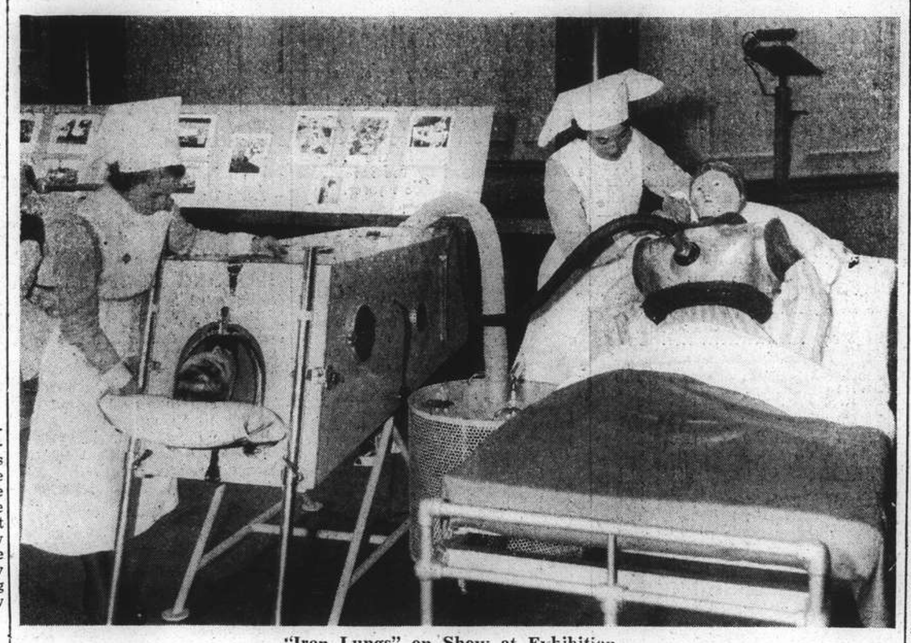
The would-be assassin told the court that he was given the pistol by a man named Chao who is at large. He was told that the man he was to shoot was a bad man. He steadfastly denied that he knew any of the other two accused. One of the two other accused who was alleged to be the instigator said that he was a good friend of the victim of more than 10 years' standing, and that since he was unemployed he often obtained financial assistance from the victim. He would never ask a man to shoot such a friend.

The third accused said that he worked under the victim and that it would be "unnecessary" to shoot his superior. The would-be assassin was alleged by the prosecution, however, to have stated at the police station that he was asked to commit the crime by the other two accused. The victim was said to be an employee of a match factory. He was also alleged to have told the police that his instigators were business rivals of the victim in trying to get the control of some wharves in Pootung.

The victim himself could not appear in court yesterday since he was still lying in hospital suffering from bullet wounds in the neck and side. Some other accomplices are believed to be still at large.

Christmas Issue of Police Gazette is Ready

The Christmas issue of the Shanghai Police and Volunteer Gazette which has just been put on sale, is in many ways an improvement over previous issues. The varied contents covers a large field commencing with police activities and finishing with a "dramatic" section. A great deal of space is taken up by a game-to-game description of the darts tournament sponsored by the magazine recently whilst the usual sections pertaining to Police activities in general are well up to standard. Mr. J. H. Howard is the Publisher and Mr. K. M Steiner the editor of the Police Gazette which appears on the second Wednesday of each month.



"Iron Lungs" on Show at Exhibition

Two types of mechanical respirators—the "Drinker" apparatus and the "Jacket" respirator—on show at a demonstration recently held in London. Professor Burstall's "Jacket" on the right was widely used in Australia during the recent infantile paralysis epidemic. Lord Nuffield, the motor car magnate and philanthropist, is to equip every hospital in the British Empire with one or more "Iron Lungs."

World Inflationary Bubble to Burst

British Economist in U.S. to Seek Calling Of New Conference

Washington, Dec. 14.

Sir George Paish, British financial and economic expert, today conferred with President Franklin D. Roosevelt on economic matters.

Sir George later told the press that he had sought to interest Mr. Roosevelt in the idea of a new world economic conference.

The British economist declared that the world faces a most serious situation as the result of the estimated U.S.$12,500,000,000 expenditures of a "pump-priming" nature which are being made throughout the world. It would be impossible to continue such vast expenditures indefinitely, he said.

Asked whether he thought Italy and Germany would join such a conference, Sir George replied, "I think the totalitarian nations are at present in great economic distress. It seems obvious that the present persecutions of the Jews were undertaken to extract funds from them to aid the totalitarian nations in their present difficult situation."—United Press.

N. Rhodesia Against German Claims

Resolution Declares Any Return of Land Dangerous

Lusaka, Dec. 15.

Unofficial members have passed a resolution in the Legislative Council of Northern Rhodesia, opposing the return to Germany of the African mandated territories.

The resolution asks the Governor to inform the Secretary of State for the Dominions and Colonies, that, in the members' opinion, a return of the territories would constitute a serious menace to the British Empire.—Reuter.

Children's Hospital in Madrid Bombed

Madrid, Dec. 15.

Six persons were killed and twenty injured yesterday, when the Children's Hospital in Madrid was hit during a Nationalist artillery bombardment.—Reuter.

20 Years' Hard Labour For Mme. Skobline

Noted White Russian Dancer Sentenced in Paris Court

Paris, Dec. 15.

A sentence of twenty years of hard labour was meted out today by the jury to Mme. Nadine Skobline, accused of complicity in the kidnapping of General Eugene Miller, one the leaders of the White Russian Movement.

The sentence was read out after M. Jean Schwab, attorney for the defence, made an impassioned plea to obtain the acquittal of his client.

The President of the Court notified the jury that General Skobline, also implicated in the case, would be judged by default.

Mme. Nadine Skobline is known to musical audiences all over the world under her maiden name of Plevirskala, which she made famous in her interpretation of Russian National songs.—Havas.

10,000 Jews Pay First Part of Huge Fine

Berlin, Dec. 14.

More than 10,000 Jews throughout Germany, whose fortunes amount to more than Rm. $5,000 each, were today preparing to hand over the first instalment of the milliard-mark fine imposed on Jews in Germany as the result of the death of Herr Ernst von Rath in Paris. The first instalment falls due tomorrow. Thereafter three more instalments must be paid.—United Press.

Corrigan Granted Bail for £1,000

Accused Must Report to Police Daily

London, Dec. 15.

Dennis Corrigan, agent of Park Lane, who was committed for trial on December 9, has been granted bail for £1,000 surety.

Corrigan has also promised to report to the police daily.

He is charged, together with Frederick Willing and James Willing, with having conspired with a Chinese, T. H. Chou, and other unknown, to defraud Mr. Theodore Lafitte, who described himself as a director and manager of a firm in Paris for the manufacture and sale of arms, of £7,250.—Reuter.

New Japanese Combines For North China

Cotton and Cement Monopoly Schemes Envisaged

Peiping, Dec. 15.

Two firms, destined to play a major part in the economic development of North China, will soon come into being here and at Shihchiachwang, important Hopei railway junction.

One is a Y.10,000,000 cement firm, sponsored by the Japan Cement Manufacturers' Guild, which will subscribe half of the necessary capital. Plants are expected to be created outside Peiping and at Tsinan, Shantung.

The other is a Sino-Japanese cotton syndicate, also capitalized at Y.10,000,000, at Shihchiachwang. Both Chinese and Japanese buyers will participate in this combine which will deal with raw cotton.—Domei.

British War Office Does Fine Action

Soldier in Hongkong Sent 9,000 Miles to Mother

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 15.

The considerate action of the War Office in ordering the special release of Corporal John Walker, of the Royal Army Medical Corps in Hongkong, has brought joy to his aged mother, who is on the danger list at St. Leonard's Hospital, Hoxton.

It was the mother's constant calls for her only son that induced Mr. Ernest Thurtle, Labour M.P. for Shoreditch, to intervene with the War Office, which telegraphed instructions that Corporal Walker's leave should be advanced to enable him to hurry home.

The troopship Dorchester had sailed on the previous day, but Walker caught the Gneisenau and reached Southampton last night, a day ahead of the Dorchester.

Mrs. Walker, a 63-year-old widow, showed marked improvement on hearing that her son was returning, and was still better when informed that he had arrived to visit her this morning.—Reuter.

Spectacular Defence Rally in Australia

Deep Faith in Democracy Expressed

Adelaide, Dec. 15.

"Let us hear less of the defeatists' hopelessly one-sided picture of the British Empire and a threatened Navy unable to cope with defence," declared Mr. Joseph A. Lyons, Australian Prime Minister, in addressing a spectacular defence rally here today.

While emphasizing the need for recruits, Mr. Lyons added: "Because of the depth of our faith in democracy, we do not know the phrase 'the decline of the British Empire'."—Reuter.

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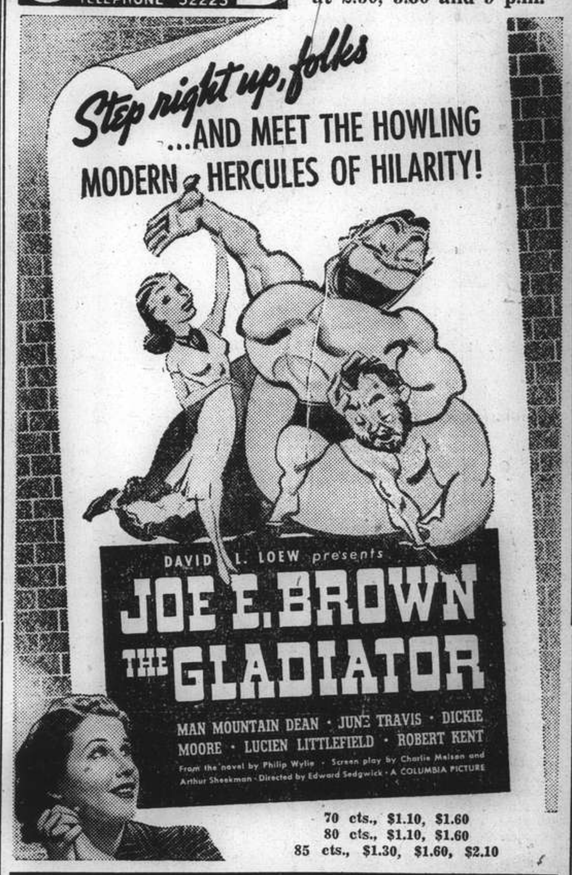

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Money and Exchange

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1938

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 8¼ ....$ 29.09
U.S. $100 @ 16 1/16 ....$622.57

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 8 11/32 ....$28.764
U.S. $100 @ 16¼ $615.38
London—demand 8 11/32
4 months' sight credits 8⅜
4 months' sight docts 8 7/16
6 months' sight credits 8 13/32
6 months' sight docts 8 15/32
New York—demand ....U.S. $16¼
4 months' sight credits 16 5/16
4 months' sight docts 16 7/16
Paris—4 months' sight docts Fcs. nom.

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

Sterling .... 8 5/16 U.S. $16 3/16
Hongkong/London 1/3

Chartered Bank

Canadian $100 @ 16 1/16 ....$622.57
Hongkong $54⅞ $100.00

Netherlands Trading Society

Netherlands Guilders ......Buying 30⅛
Java Guilders .... " 30⅛
Netherlands Guilders ......Selling 29½
Java Guilders .... " 29½

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Tourist Lire 3.26 ....$1

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Berlin/Hamburg T.T. $100=Rm. 39¾
$100=Reg. Mk. 69½
incl. License fee.

Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTERBANK CASH DELIVERY

	Highest	Lowest
£	8⅜	8¼
U.S. G.$	16 5/16	16 1/16
Yen	—	—

MERCHANTS CLOSING RATES

SELLING Cash		BUYING December	
£ T.T.	8 5/16	4 m/s. l.c.	8 13/32
G.$ T.T.	16 1/16	4 m/s. l.c.	16⅜
Fcs. T.T.	615	4 m/s.	627
Rs. T.T.	46⅜	7 d/s.	47

BAR SILVER

	READY	FOR'D
London pence per std. oz.	20⅛	19 9/16
N.Y. cents per oz. troy	42¾	—
Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	50.15	—
Bombay offtake 25 bars.		

London silver was 1/16 down for ready and 1/16 up forward, being 20⅛ for ready and 19 9/16 forward. New York was unchanged at 42¾ and Bombay was 1 anna down at 50.05.

It was reported business was small. The movement represents the narrowing of cash premium in view of the absence of demand for "spot." After the official fixing "spot" held steady on American trade being small buyers at the fixed rate, while "forward" was rather dull.

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 8¼ sterling and 16 1/16 U.S.$.

The Interbank market was very active with sellers predominating. At the opening there were sellers for cash at 8 21/64 sterling and 16 1/16 U.S.$, but with good sellers for January rates improved with very little business being done. With occasional sharp reactions the market for near delivery reached 8⅜d. sterling and 16 3/16 U.S.$ at which rates there were good buyers. From these peak rates the market reacted again and closed with sellers at:—

8 21/64 sterling	16 7/32 U.S.$	Cash	
8 5/16 "	16 3/16 "	Dec.	
8 11/64 "	16⅛ "	Jan., 1939	
8 15/64 "	16.– "	Feb., 1939	

Foreign Exchanges

Bombay, Rupee T. T. on: Dec. 14.

Japan	78⅝	London	1/5 11/32
New York	287⅞	2 mths	
Shanghai	48¼	" (sellers)	1/5 11/32
Hongkong	86¼ N	" (buyers)	1/5⅛

London £ Sterling T. T. on:

New York	467.25	Shanghai	8½d. N.
Paris	177.71	Bombay	1/5 15/16
Berlin	11.64	Hongkong	1/3 1/16
Amsterdam	8.59⅝	Singapore	2/4
Brussels	27.72	Yokohama	1/2
Madrid	100.00	" (buying)	unq.
Milan	88.70	C'slovakia	136.25S.
Berne	20.66		

New York U.S.$ T. T. on:

Berlin	40.11	Japan	27.27
Spain	Unq.	Shanghai	16.20
Holland	54.34	Austria	Unq.
Paris	2.62⅞	C'slovakia	3.42½
Brussels	16.86	Hungary	19.80
Italy	5.26¼	Rumania	0.74
S'zerland	22.62	Yugo Slavia	2.30
Sweden	24.06½	Greece	0.85¾
Norway	23.48	Bulgaria	1.25
Denmark	20.86	Finland	2.07
Montreal	98.930	Poland	19.10
Brazil	5.95		

London	4.67⅛
" Demand	4.67 1/16
" Bankers' 60 days bills	4.66 5/16
" Commercial 60 days bills	4.66 5/16
Buenos Aires Paper	28.98
Buenos Aires Paper, market rate	22.65
Montreal on London	4.72⅛

—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

London: Dec. 14.

Fine Bank Bills,	3 months	0 11/16%
Bank Bills,	6 months	0 13/16%
Fine Trade Bills,	3 months	2¾%
Fine Trade Bills,	6 months	3¼%
Call Money		0½%

New York:

Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months	0½%B / 0 7/16%A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months	0⅝%B / 0½%A
Call Money	1%

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Dec. 15	Opening 9.45 a.m.	Prices 2.45 p.m.
Antamok	.50	.50
Balatoc	9.80	9.80
Benguet Consolidated	12.30	12.50
Coco Grove	.45	.47
Consolidated Mines	.0035	.0035
Demonstration	.27	.28
Masbate	.20	.20
North Camarines	.63	.62
San Mauricio	1.76	1.80
Surigao Consolidated	.35	.37
United Paracale	.49	.53

Turnover: 375,000 Pesos.
Shares Index: (closing prices) 103.44.
—Reuter.

Wheelock's Dividend

The Directors of Wheelock & Co., Ltd. have declared an interim dividend in respect of the year ending March 31, 1939 of $2.50 per share payable on January 16, 1939.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

The market in general stocks, though steady, was much more active, registering further advances in one or two instances, total business in all lines amounting in volume to almost a million dollars.

General:—Metals, opening with business at $7.00 and closing at a new high level of $7.25 some 17,000 shares were transacted.

Wheelocks opened $1.75 above the previous closing, touching a new high of $35.00. 7,000 shares changed hands.

Kaipings. These shares improved slightly, business being done at $26¾ and $27.00.

Ewos strengthened towards the close, 6,600 shares being done between $16.30 and $16.60 with buyers at the latter rate at the close and sellers at $16.70.

Debentures:—Power 5½ per cent. were again the popular stock, $71,000 being done at 82½. China Realty 8 per cent. were a little easier, business being done at 55¾ and 56.

Rubbers:—There was a little more enquiry, Batu Anams, Kroewoeks and Kelantans being most in demand.

Official Averages

1938 High	Low		Today's Averages	Change
146.16	100.30	General	133.50	–0.…
149.31	95.55	Rubbers	141.69	0.66

Total 73,809 shares, 909 bonds.

Morning Session

G$500	Gold $ Bonds 5% 1915 (Cash)	G.$ 68.00
G$5,000	Gold $ Bonds 5% 1925 (Local)	G.$ 69.00
$13,900	S'hai Power 5½% Debs.	$ 82.50
900	Ewo Mills (Ord)	$ 16.90
2,000	Kelantan	$ 0.37
2,000	Batu Anam	$ 1.07
500	Wheelock	$ 34.50
2,500	Metal Ind. of China	$ 7.10
70	S'hai Power (Pref)	$123.00
1,000	S'hai Land	$ 9.40
50	S'hai Telephone	$ 69.00
300	Kaiping	$ 27.00
500	Metal Ind. of China	$ 7.15
2,500	Exploration	$ 8.00
500	Metal Ind. of China	$ 7.20
100	Wheelock	$ 34.75
125	Wheelock	$ 34.50
5	H. & S. Bank	Hk.$1,340.00*
1,000	Cheng	$ 0.44
1,000	Cheng	$ 0.45
500	S'hai Loan	$ 6.00
2,000	Batu Anam	$ 1.08
1,000	Metal Ind. of China	$ 7.25
2,000	S'hai Loan	$ 5.95
100	S'hai Dock	$104.00
500	Exploration	$ 8.00
500	Metal Ind. of China	$ 7.20
1,500	Metal Ind. of China	$ 7.25
50	S'hai Cotton	$105.50
200	S'hai Cotton	$106.00
200	Wheelock	$ 34.75
100	Wheelock	$ 34.50
300	Wheelock	$ 34.75
500	S'hai Land	$ 9.50
100	Kaiping	$ 26.75

ODD LOTS

200	Metal Ind. of China	$ 7.05
50	S. W. W. 6½% (Pref)	$ 13.75
200	Metal Ind. of China	$ 7.20
100	Exploration	$ 8.10
200	S'hai Loan	$ 6.00
500	S'hai Loan	$ 6.00
100	S'hai Land	$ 9.45
400	S'hai Land	$ 9.45
3	S'hai Dock	$100.00

*—Outport Business.

Afternoon Session

$52,000	S'hai Power 5½% Debs.	$ 82.50
$5,000	S.M.C. 5½% Debs. 1936	$ 93.00
₮1,000	China Realty 8% Debs.	₮ 55.75
₮6,000	China Realty 8% Debs.	₮ 56.00
₮1,000	China Realty 8% Debs.	₮ 55.75
$1,000	City Loan 7% 1932	$ 54.00
4,800	China Realty	$ 1.20*
1,000	Int. Assurance	$ 3.80
190	S'hai Power (Pref)	$122.00
1,500	Metal Ind. of China	$ 7.00
20	S'hai Power (Pref)	$122.25
400	Ewo Mills (Ord)	$ 16.30
300	Wheelock	$ 34.50
1,000	New Eng. (Pref)	$ 8.00
50	S'hai Dock	$104.00
30	Wheelock	$ 34.75
2,500	Wheelock	$ 35.00
2,000	Kelantan	$ 0.37
500	Wheelock	$ 34.50
100	Ewo Mills (Ord)	$ 16.40
100	Wheelock	$ 34.00
1,500	S'hai Land	$ 9.45
1,500	Metal Ind. of China	$ 7.10
500	S'hai Land	$ 9.40
700	Ewo Mills (Ord)	$ 16.50
200	Tram (Bearer) £1	$ 38.25
3,160	Batu Anam	$ 1.06
900	Kaiping	$ 27.00
2,500	Metal Ind. of China	$ 7.05
600	Wheelock	$ 34.50
3,000	Kroewoek	$ 1.16
3,000	Ewo Mills (Ord)	$ 16.60
3,000	Kelantan	$ 0.36
50	S'hai Power (Pref)	$122.50
1,000	Wheelock	$ 34.75
500	New Eng. (Ord)	$ 5.80
200	Ewo Mills (Ord)	$ 16.50
4,500	Metal Ind. of China	$ 7.10
100	Wheelock	$ 34.50
1,300	Ewo Mills (Ord)	$ 16.60
600	Tram (Bearer) £1	$ 38.00
500	S'hai Loan	$ 6.00
1,000	Tebong	$ 0.87
1,000	Tanah Merah	$ 1.92½
284	S'hai Power (Pref)	$123.00
400	Wheelock	$ 34.25

ODD LOTS

200	S'hai Land	$ 9.50
6	S'hai Telephone	$ 69.00
50	Wheelock	$ 34.50
200	S'hai Land	$ 9.40
6	S'hai Power (Pref)	$123.00
25	S. & H. Wharf	$172.00
400	Metal Ind. of China	$ 7.05
15	S'hai Telephone	$ 69.00

*—Outport Business.

U.S. Commodities

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

New York, Dec. 14.

The cotton market early declined on liquidation and switching, despite firm Wall Street advices. Later, prices rallied on better Liverpool advices, covering and commission house buying. Finally, the market closed firm and fairly active on trade, local and Liverpool buying, with quotations ranging from 5 to 7 points up.

Trading in the rubber market today was buoyant, and prices shot-up at the opening on favourable November consumption figures, shorts covering and commission house buying. Later, prices further strengthened on firm Wall Street advices, the action of other markets, professional buying and more factory interest. At the last call-over, gains of 21 to 25 points were recorded.

Wheat prices in Chicago early declined on lower cables and liquidation. Later, the firmness of the corn market, a better milling demand and unfavourable weather and crop conditions stimulated new buying, and prices finally closed with gains of ¾ of a cent.

New York Cotton			New York Rubber		
Jan.	8.24/24	+07	Jan.	16.21 N	+21
Mar.	8.20-20	+07	Mar.	16.21-22	+25
May	7.99-8.01	+06	May	16.19-19	+24
July	7.70-71	+06	July	16.21-23	+25
Oct.	7.39-39	+05			

New York Sugar No. 4			New York Silk		
Mar	1.12-12½ B/A	+02	Dec.	1.77-78 B/A	+1½
May	1.13-13½ B/A	+01			

Chicago Wheat			Chicago Corn		
May	67⅛-67¼	+¾	May	52⅞-53	+1
July	66¾-66⅞	+¾	July	53¾-53⅞	+1

Winnipeg Wheat

May	63¼-63⅜	+¼
July	63¾-63⅞	+⅛

B—Bid A—Asked.—Reuter.

New York Stocks

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

New York, Dec. 14.

After an early decline, stock prices on Wall Street today moved up quickly on broader public participation and persistent buying, both on speculative and investment accounts. Profit-taking and tax selling were easily absorbed, and the market closed at the day's high levels. Trading was brisk, and the tickers were late due to a sudden flurry of buying orders. Increased foreign buying of American securities further aided sentiment, while favourable business news, the continuance of good Christmas retail sales and the growing belief of a good extension of the recovery movement were additional helpful factors. Steels, coppers and rails were the best performers. The turnover today amounted to 1,970,000 shares.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	152.08	149.38	151.53	+1.94
20 Rails	30.95	29.89	30.89	+1.03
15 Utilit.	22.22	21.70	22.13	+0.53
40 Bonds	—	—	89.47	+0.40
11 Commod.	—	—	47.88	+0.47

	Dec. 13	14
Adams Express	10¼	*10¾
Alleghany Ludlum Steel	25⅜	26¾
Allis Chalmers	47	48
Amerada Corp.	68½	68¾
Amer. Can	95¼	97
Amer. & For. Power	2⅞	3
" " $7 pfd.	16⅛	16½
Amer. Locomotive	26¾	27⅞
Amer. Metal	38¾	40¼
Amer. Radiator	16⅞	17½
Amer. Rolling Mill	20½	21¾
Amer. Smelting	50⅛	52⅜
Amer. Sugar Ref.	20½	21
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	149½	*148½
Amer. Tobacco "B"	85¾	86
Amer. Waterworks	12	12⅞
Anaconda Copper	33⅞	35
Atchison, T. & S.	37½	38⅝
Auburn	B 3½	3½
Baltimore & Ohio	6⅜	6¾
Barber Asphalt Corp.	18⅞	19⅝
Barnsdall Oil Co.	17⅞	18⅛
Bethlehem Steel	72⅞	75
Boeing Airplane Co.	31⅞	32½
Borg Warner	31	32
Briggs Mfg. Co.	29	31
Brooklyn-Manhattan Trans.	12	12½
" $6 cum. pfd.	40	42
Can. Pacific Rly.	5½	5⅝
Case, J.I.	B 87	90
Chase Nat. Bank	B 29¼	B 31
Chesapeake & Ohio	33⅜	34½
Chrysler	81¼	83½
Columbia Gas & Elec.	6⅝	6⅞
" " "A" pfd.	71	72
Coml. Credit	58½	59
Comm. & Southern (ord.)	1¼	1⅜
" $6 cum. pfd.	46¼	46½
Consolid. Edison	29⅛	29½
Consolid. Oil	8½	8½
Continental Can	38¼	38¼
Continental Oil	28⅞	29⅞
Corn Products	64	64½
Curtiss Wright (com.)	6¾	7
" " "A"	26½	26¾
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	20½	21
Douglas Aircraft	75⅜	77⅛
Du Pont de Nemours	147⅛	150
Eagle Picher Lead	13	12¾
Elec. Bond & Sh.	9¾	10½
" " $5 pfd.	B 57	58
" " $6 pfd.	B 62¼	63½
Elec. Power & Lt.	35¼	35¾
Flintkote	27¼	29¼
Gen. Amer. Trans. Corp.	54¼	55½
Gen. Elec.	42⅛	44¼
Gen. Motors	49½	50¼
Gen. Rly. Signal	21⅝	22¾
Glidden Co.	23½	24¾
Goodrich (B.F.)	22¾	24⅜
" $5 pfd.	63⅞	64½
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	36	37⅛
Great Nthrn. Iron Ore	14⅜	14¼
Great Nthrn. Rly.	26⅜	27¼
Great Western Sugar	26¼	*25½
Greyhound Corp.	21½	22
Hecker Products	10½	10⅜
Homestake Min.	61⅛	61¾
Int. Nickel	54⅛	54⅝
Int. Tel. & Tel.	9⅛	10
Johns Manville	103½	106
Kennecott	42⅜	43⅜
Libby-Owens-Ford	53	53⅜
Lockheed Aircraft	30¼	31
Loew's Inc.	57½	57¾
Manhattan Shirt Co.	13	13
Martin, Glenn L. Co.	32⅛	34⅝
McKesson & Rob.	9¼/10 B/A	10¼/10⅞ B/A
Monsanto Chemical	105	105
Montgomery Ward	52	53
Nat. City Bank	B 22¼	B 22¾
Nat. Dairy Products	12⅜	12½
Nat. Distillers	26⅞	27⅜
Nat. Gypsum	15	15⅞
Nat. Lead	27⅛	27¼
Nat. Power & Lt.	7⅜	7⅝
Nat. Supply Co.	14¼	14¼
New York Central	18⅜	19¼
North Amer. Aviation	17	17⅞
North Amer.	21¼	21⅝
Northern Pacific	11	11½
Pacific Gas & Elec.	28⅜	28⅝
Pacific Lighting	40⅞	41½
Packard Motors	4½	4⅜
Paramount Pictures Inc.	12⅜	12½
Pennsylvania R.R.	20	21⅛
Phelps Dodge	41⅞	43
Phillips Petroleum	41½	42
Public Serv. of N.J.	29⅝	30
Pure Oil	10¼	10⅜
Radio Corp. of Amer.	7⅜	7¾
Republic Steel Co.	22⅞	24¼
Reynolds Tobacco "B"	43¼	43½
Schenley	17⅜	17½
" 5% pfd.	Unq.	75¾
Sears Roebuck	73¼	74¼
Shell Union Oil	13½	14¼
Socony-Vacuum	13⅛	13¾
Sthrn. Pacific	18¼	18⅞
Sthrn. Rly $5 pfd.	30⅝	31¼
Stand. Brands	6½	6½
Stand. Gas & Elec.	3¼	3⅜
Stand. Oil of N.J.	50	50¾
Stone & Webster	14	15¼
Swift International	27½	27½
Technicolor	20	20¾
Texas Corp.	43	44¼
Texas Gulf Sulphur	31⅛	31⅞
Transamerica	6¾	6⅝
Tw. Century Fox	25½	25¾
" " pfd.	Unq.	34⅜
Un. Carbide & Carbon	87¾	89½
Un. Pacific	88½	91
Un. Aircraft (new)	40¼	41⅝
Un. Air Lines Trans.	11½	12½
Un. Corp.	3	3
" $3 pfd.	34¼	34½
Un. Gas Corp.	2⅝	2⅝
Un. Gas Improvement	10¾	10⅞
U. S. Rubber	50⅝	52½
" 8% pfd.	101½	102½
U. S. Steel	64½	66⅜
Vanadium	25¼	27
Warner Bros. Picts.	6	6
Westinghouse Elec.	116½	119¼
Woodward Iron	24¾	25¾
BONDS		
Amer. & For. Power	51	51
Brazil	8⅞	9⅝
Baltimore & Ohio R.R.	17⅞	18
Cities Serv.	71¾	72
Erie R.R.	12¼	13¼
Int. Tel. & Tel. Conv.	99⅞	100
Int. Tel. & Tel. 5s	68½	69
New England Gas & Elec.	54¼	54⅞
Peru	9	9¾
Sthrn. Pacific R.R.	50	51
Stand. Gas & Elec.	59	59

A—Asked B—Bid *—Ex dividend.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Summary

Courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

New high levels for the current recovery were reached on the Stock Exchange today, with more active trading in evidence. The placing of several orders for steel rails aided steels. Favourable factors today included: the expansion of trading on the upside; electricity production recording the seconding highest figure in history; and, expectations that steel operations will make a contra-seasonal favourable showing during the next few weeks.

U.S. Crude Oil Production

New York, Dec. 14.

The daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended December 10 totalled 3,245,000 barrels, according to the weekly report of the American Petroleum Institute of New York, which was published today.

This compares with 3,224,000 barrels last week and 3,414,000 barrels for the corresponding period of last year, showing an increase of 21,000 barrels over last week and a decrease of 169,000 barrels compared with last year.—Reuter.

London Stocks

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

London, Dec. 14.

The undertone on the Stock Exchange today continued to be firm, but prices generally tended to ease in the absence of any business. Conditions in the industrial section were irregular, with oils being occasionally bought by Amsterdam interests.—Reuter.

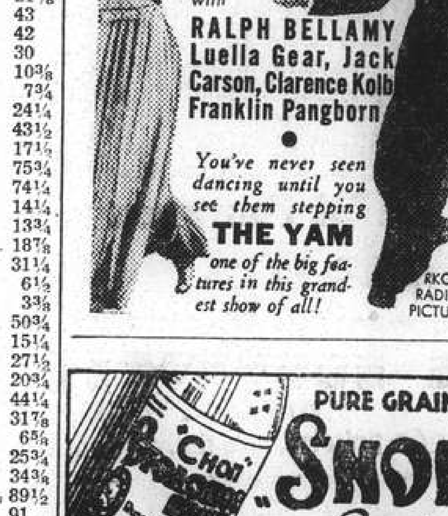
	Dec. 13	14
War Loan 3½% (Red.)	£98⅛	97 15/16
JAPANESE BONDS		
Japan 5% Stg. Loan, 1907	45½	45½
Japan 6% Stg. Loan, 1924	55½	55¼
	Osaka, Dec. 15.	
Kogo 5%		Y.103.45
COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL		
Allied Ironfounders	19/6	19/3
Armstrong Stevens	8/3	8/3
Assoc. & Elec. Indus.	39/-	39/-
Austin Motors, ord.	24/4½	24/4½
Bristol Aeroplane	22/3	22/3
British American Tob.	98/9	93/1½
Cable & W., new form	35½	35½
Cammell Laird, ord.	7/4½	7/3
Courtaulds	28/4½	28/3
Distillers	89/3	89/6
Dunlop Rubber	23/4½	23/3
General Elec. (Eng.)	76/9	76/9
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	102/-	102/-
Hawker Siddeley Aircraft	24/-	24/-
Imp. Chem. Indus.	30/7½	30/3
Imp. Tobacco	131/3	129/4½
Leyland Motors	89/4½	89/4½
Marks & Spencer "A" ord.	55/7½	55/6
Pressed Steel, com.	14/4½	14/3
Rolls-Royce	110/-	110/-
Smethwick Drop Forgings	16/6	16/6
Tate & Lyle	54/7½	54/3
Turner & Newall	78/6	78/6
United Steel	22/6	22/3
Vickers, ord.	22/6	22/3
Woolworths	57/4½	57/4½
MISCELLANEOUS		
Anglo-Dutch	25/6	25/3
Rubber Pltn. Trust.	27/6	27/3
MINES		
Burma Corp.	8/6	8/6
Commonwealth Min.	1/7½	1/6
Marsman Invests.	16/3	16/-
Randfontein Ests.	40/10½	41/3
Sub-Nigel	236/3	236/3
Tanami Gold Min.	6d.	6d.
Western Holdings	13/6	13/3
OILS		
Anglo-Iranian	91/3	89/4½
Burmah	84/4½	83/1½
Mexican Eagle	5/3	5/3
Shell Trans. & Trad.	80/7½	81/3
CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS, ETC.		
4½% Gold Loan, 1898	£74½	74½
5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	72	72
4½% Anglo-French Loan	68	68
5% Crisp Loan, 1912	37½	37½
5% Reorg. Loan, 1913	53½	54½
8% Stg. Notes, 1925	13½	13½
5% Honan Rly., 1905	26	26
5% Hukuang Rly., 1911	25	25
5% " " (Ger. Is.)	23	23
5% Lung Tsing U. H. Rly.	13½	13½
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	24	24
5% T'tsin-Pukow Rly. B.	18½	18½
5% " " G.	18	18
5% " " (Supl. Loan) B.	18	18
5% " " (Supl. Loan) G.	18	18
5% Canton-Kowloon Rly.	18½	17½
S'hai Elec. Construction	25/- N	25/- N
S'hai Waterworks "A"	19½ N	19½ N
Un. Ins. Soc. of Canton	30½	30½
Chartd. Bank of I. A. & C.	9¼	9¼
H. & S. Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	80	79½
" " (Col. Reg.)	82	82
Chinese Eng. & Min.	17/9	18/6UX
Chosen Corp.	7/6	7/6
Pekin Syndicate	2/- N	2/- N
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	20/7½	20/-

UX—Cum. dividend. N—Nominal.

Paris Bourse

Paris, Dec. 14.

The majority of counters were well-orientated today and showed moderate gains. At the closure of the session, French stocks lost somewhat, however, while Internationals retained their positions and closed on a firm tone.—Havas.



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British Commodities

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

London, Dec. 14.

Commodities generally ruled rather more active, but with no outstanding features. Sentiment in the rubber group was helped by the favourable American questionnaire figures.

London Rubber: Spot, buyers 8 unc; sellers 8⅛ +1/16; Jan. del. buyers 8 unc; sellers 8⅛ +1/16.
London Sugar (buyers): Mar 6/0¾ +1; May 6/0¾ +1; Aug. 6/1¼ +1.
Liverpool Wheat: Dec. 4/7⅞ —⅝; Mar. 4/6⅜ —⅞; May 4/7 —⅝.
Liverpool Cotton: American Futures: Jan. 4.72 +1; Mar. 4.71 +2; May 4.66 +1; July 4.57 +. Egyptian Futures (Giza, F.G.F. No. 7); Jan. 7.21 —6; Mar. 7.16 —6; May 7.11 —6.
London Metals: Copper, Standard, cash sellers £43 1/16 unc; 3 mths sellers £43 5/16 unc; Copper, Electrolytic, buyers £48½ unc; sellers £49½ unc; Tin, Stan. cash sellers £214¼ —⅛; 3 mths sellers £215¼ —⅛; Lead, For. official price, sellers £14 11/16 —1/16; 3 mths del. official price £14⅞ —⅛; Spelter, Ord. official price, sellers £13¾ +⅛; 3 mths del. official price, sellers £13 15/16 +1/16.—Reuter.

U.S. Electricity Output

New York, Dec. 14.

Production of electricity by the electric light and power industry of the United States for the week ended December 10, totalled 2,319,000,000 kilowatt hours, according to the weekly statement of the Edison Electric Institute, which was published today.

This indicated a gain of 5.6 per cent. over the corresponding week of last year, when the output totalled 2,196,000,000 kilowatt hours.

Electricity output during the previous week totalled 2,286,000,000 kilowatt hours, showing an increase of 6.2 per cent. over the corresponding week of last year.—Reuter.

Berlin Bourse

Berlin, Dec. 14.

The cheerful tendency which had manifested itself on the sharemarket yesterday, prevailed also today where for the first time again large orders were placed. Harpeners and Deutsche Linoleum won 2½ each, advancing to 133.5 and 147 respectively while North German Lloyd lost 1.4 at 67.5. Bonds were irregular.—Trans-Ocean.

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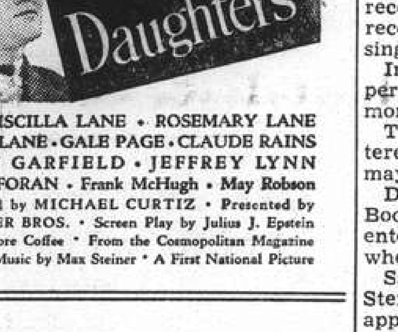

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Berlin, Dec. 14.

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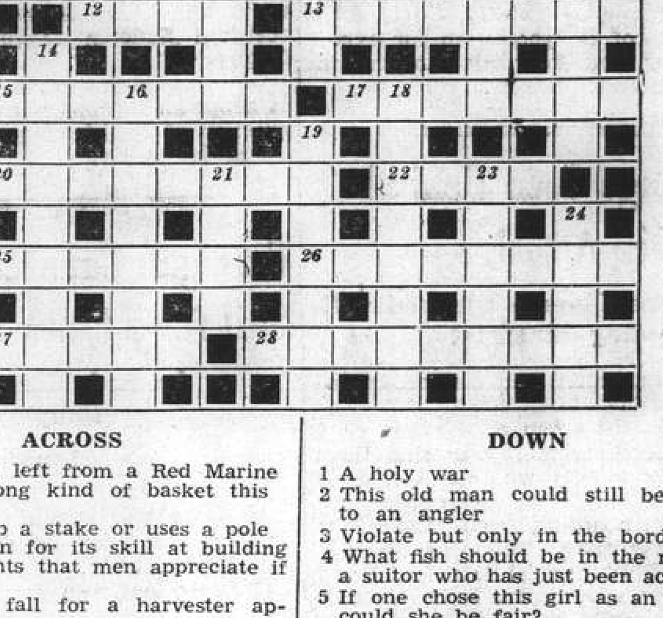

ACROSS

7 All that is left from a Red Marine
8 Not a strong kind of basket this
10 Traveller
11 He puts up a stake or uses a pole
12 Bird known for its skill at building
13 Subtle points that men appreciate if halved
15 A serious fall for a harvester apparently
17 Apparently is in poetry but really is the opposite
20 No honest man
22 Voice that might be a fish or used by gardeners
25 Make necessary a legal term
26 "There's the respect that makes —— of so long life," said Hamlet
27 "They do no more adhere and keep pace together than the hundredth —— to the time of 'Green Sleeves'" ("Merry Wives of Windsor")
28 Indeed enough to make a city learn

DOWN

1 A holy war
2 This old man could still be useful to an angler
3 Violate but only in the border
4 What fish should be in the mind of a suitor who has just been accepted?
5 If one chose this girl as an umpire could she be fair?
6 The other way round (two words)
9 Film-fans appreciate this story in the pictures
14 Part of a "black-birding" vessel of olden days doubtless
16 An acme perhaps
18 Grandeur not popular with democrats
19 A common plant
21 Emblem of France of old
23 Another acme
24 This yet prevents our spirits getting low

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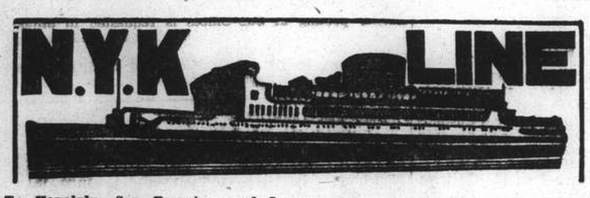

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B	MENELAUS	Liverpool	Jan. 4	Jan. 5	Japan Ports
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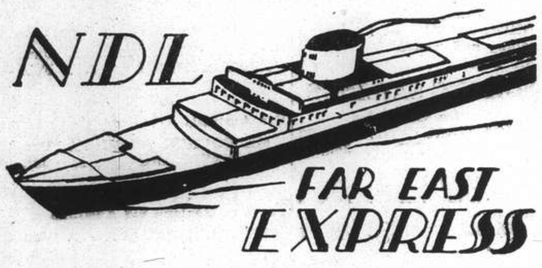

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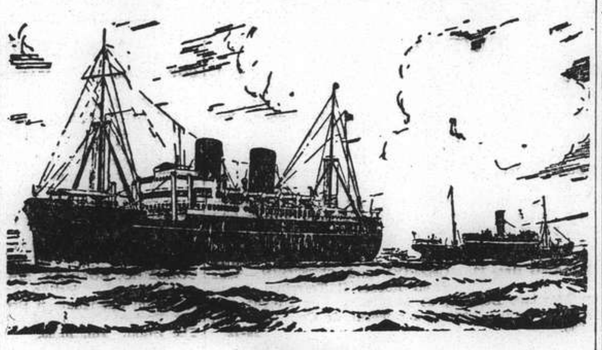

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Jan. 6			Jean Laborde	Dec. 31	Jan. 2	Jan. 3
			Voyage Cancelled			Jan. 17
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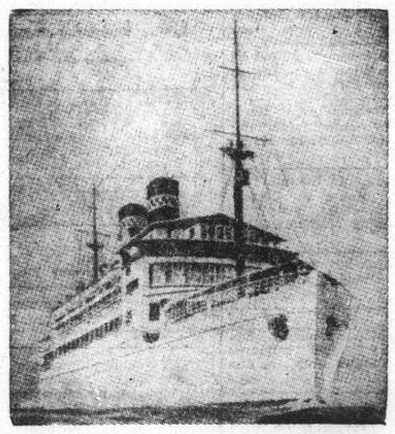

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ANY responsible party going to Europe, willing to take care of girl, twelve years, to Marseilles, please communicate for arrangements to Box 3572, NCDN. 12987

Miscellaneous

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Christmas Gifts

A COURSE of correspondence tuition in Bookkeeping or other Commercial subject costs but little and the recipient will benefit throughout his or her business career. British School of Accountancy, 264, Kiangse Road. Telephone 14967. -6647

BRAZIL cigars, real Dannemann. Just arrived. Nicot Products Co., 210 Kiukiang Road, Room 104, Telephone 15921. -6594

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FOR SALE, one Ford sedan, 1937 model, seven hundred miles only. Owner-driven. Excellent bargain. Telephone 19351. -6666

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FOR SALE, new Packard, late 1938, 6-cylinder, used three months only, with useful accessories not seen in Shanghai before. Price US$300 less than to-day's Shanghai gold dollar price. Address Box 3604, NCDN. -6692

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STEEL imported cabinets, desks and safes, typewriter practically new, also first-class house furniture. Address Box 3609, NCDN. -6643

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EXPERIENCED cook-boy, good knowledge of English/American cooking, good pastry cook, with 15 years' experience, best reference, excellent testimonials. Address Box 3570, NCDN. -6565

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EXPERIENCED cook-boy, good knowledge of English/American cuisines, good pastry cook, 14 years' experience, excellent testimonials. Address Box 3568, NCDN. -6556

Rooms Without Board

ROOM, private bathroom, separate entrance, in apartment (British). Board optional. Telephone 76297. -6657

ROOM, unfurnished, south, steam-heating, hot water. 284 Yuyuen Road, Apartment 14 (near Paramount). -6651

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TWO-roomed flat or one room, furnished/unfurnished, with steam-heating, next to Jessfield Park. Telephone 20301. -6604

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AMERICAN home, attractive large south room, adjoining bath, verandah, central heating. Full board. Telephone 72425. References. -6548

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IN modern apartment, a flat of three rooms, kitchen, bathroom, big verandah-sunporch. Rent including hot/cold water, taxes, steamheat, refrigerator, $225. Furniture to be taken over. Telephone 39324. -6660

WELL-furnished flat and single rooms, desirably located, suitable for couple or bachelors, with garden, verandahs. 54 Route Grouchy. -6623

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Passenger Lists

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The following passengers arrived in the Blue Funnel ss. Aeneas on December 13:

From Birkenhead:—Mr. N. Denison, Mrs. and Miss Ewing, Mr. and Mrs. B. Hemingway, Capt. P. H. G. James, Mr. and Mrs. and Mstr. Lowe, Capt. and Mrs. Mackenzie, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mellor, Miss and Mstr. Mellor, Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. Robertson-Aikman, Mr. and Mrs. F. Spray, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Miss and Mstr. Thompson.

From Singapore:—Mr. A. A. Ewing.

Taksang Arrivals

Passengers arriving from North China in the Taksang on December 14 were:

Miss L. Weinberg, Captain Miller, Mr. Kleinecke, Mr. R. P. MacNair, Mr. Krausch, Dr. Mueller, Lieut. Suttcliffe R.N., Mr. Velisoff, Miss Y. S. Dunn, Rev. Mother Siao, Rev. Father Trassaert, Mr. T. C. Chu, Rev. Ignace, Rev. Kozma, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Chao and child, Miss Ling, Mrs. Chieng Chia Net, Miss Chen Ya Shu and Rev. Mother Fancoy.

Vessels Leaving

NORTH CHINA COAST

SHENGKING Dec. 17. WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—The China Navigation Co.'s ss. Shengking, Captain Y. N. Campbell, will leave from the French Bund on Saturday, Dec. 17, at noon. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 17-12

YUSANG Dec. 18. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Buoys on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 10 a.m. Tender for passengers from Customs Jetty at 9 a.m. Sunday. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 18-12

WOSANG Dec. 19. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Buoys on Monday, Dec. 19, at 11.30 a.m. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 19-12

LIANGCHOW Dec. 20. TSINGTAO, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN. — From French Bund on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 9 a.m. For freight apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 20-12

FAUSANG Dec. 22. TSINGTAO.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Thursday, Dec. 22. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 22-12

SHUNTIEN Dec. 24. WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—From French Bund on Saturday, Dec. 24, at noon. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 24-12

HELENUS Dec. 26. DAIREN.—For freight and passage apply Agents, Butterfield & Swire, 21 French Bund. Tel. 82020. 26-12

SOUTH CHINA COAST

KWAISANG Dec. 16. FOOCHOW, SWATOW and HONGKONG.—Sails from Old Ningpo Wharf on Friday, Dec. 16, at 1 p.m. Tender for passengers from Peking Road Jetty at 11.30 a.m. Friday. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 16-12

TINGSANG Dec. 17. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Saturday, Dec. 17, at noon. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 17-12

SUIYANG Dec. 18. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 9 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 18-12

SZECHUEN Dec. 20. SWATOW, HONGKONG, HOIHOW, PAKHOI and HAIPHONG. From French Bund on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 9 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 20-12

LEESANG Dec. 21. HSINGWHA, SWATOW and HONGKONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Wednesday, Dec. 21. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 21-12

TAIYUAN Dec. 21. AMOY and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 9 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 21-12

TJINEGARA Dec. 22. AMOY, HONGKONG, MANILA, CEBU, MACASSAR, BALI, SOERABAIA and JAVA N.C.—The J.C.J.L. ms. Tjinegara sails from Holt's Wharf, Pootung on Thursday, December 22, at 11 a.m., taking cargo to Java and transhipment in Java. Excellent passenger accommodation. Passengers tender leaves Customs Jetty at 9.30 a.m. Through tickets issued to European, Australian and African Ports. For particulars apply to the Java-China-Japan Lijn Agentschap Shanghai N.V., Brunner Mond Building, 133 Szechuen Road. Tel. 16247 (4 Lines). 21-12

WINGSANG Dec. 22. FOOCHOW, SWATOW, HONGKONG, KWONGCHOWWAN, HOIHOW, PAKHOI and HAIPHONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Thursday, Dec. 22, at 11 a.m. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 22-12

SHANTUNG Dec. 23. SWATOW, HONGKONG, KWONGCHOWWAN, HOIHOW and HAIPHONG.—From French Bund on Friday, Dec. 23, at 11 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 23-12

STRAITS AND EUROPE

TEMERAIRE Dec. 16. CASABLANCA, HAVRE, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and OSLO via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE and PORT SAID.—Motorvessel Temeraire of the Wilhelmsen Lines will be despatched from Shanghai on or about December 16, for the above-mentioned ports. Through Bills of Lading issued for all Scandinavian and Baltic ports. For freight or passage please apply to Dodwell and Company, Ltd., 17 Canton Road. Tel. 11366. 16-12

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BELLEROPHON Dec. 19. HAVRE, LIVERPOOL and BROMBOROUGH.—For freight apply Agents, Butterfield & Swire, 21 French Bund. Tel. 82020. 19-12

NORDMARK Dec. 19. ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM and HAMBURG via PORTS.—(Captain C. Wullweber), on or about Dec. 19, 1938. For freight please apply to Hamburg-Amerika Linie, Filiale Shanghai, 20 Canton Road. Tel. 18709. 19-12

Vessels Leaving

STRAITS AND EUROPE

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C. BIANCAMANO Dec. 21. NAPLES and GENOA via HONGKONG, MANILA, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, MASSOWAH and PORT SAID.—The Lloyd Triestino s.s. Conte Biancamano will sail from Shanghai on December 21, at 8 a.m. sharp. For Freight and Passage apply Lloyd Triestino, 26 The Bund. Tel. 16885. 21-12

MAR. JOFFRE Dec. 22. MARSEILLES via HONGKONG SAIGON, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, DJIBOUTI, SUEZ and PORT SAID.—Messageries Maritimes, 9 Avenue Edward VII. Tel. 82034. 22-12

MENESTHEUS Dec. 24. MARSEILLES, CASABLANCA, LONDON, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and GLASGOW. For freight and passage apply Agents, Butterfield & Swire, 21 French Bund. Tel. 82020. 24-12

BANGALORE Dec. 27. BOMBAY, MARSEILLES, CASABLANCA, HAVRE, HULL, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM, ANTWERP and LONDON via HONGKONG, STRAITS and CEYLON.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, P. & O. S. N. Co., 27 The Bund. Tel. 11428. 27-12

NANKING Dec. 27. ALGIERS, ORAN, CASABLANCA, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG, OSLO and GOTHENBURG.—The Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.'s m.s. Nanking will leave Shanghai on or about December 27, for the above mentioned ports. Through Bills of Lading to all Scandinavian and Baltic ports. Cargo for U.K. ports accepted on Optional Bs/L. For freight and passage please apply to the Ekman Foreign Agencies Ltd., Hamilton House, Foochow Road Entrance. Tel. 11330. 27-12

AFRIKA Jan. 1. PORT SAID, JAFFA, HAIFA, BEYROUTH, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and COPENHAGEN via HONGKONG and SINGAPORE.—The East Asiatic Co.'s Motorship Afrika, Captain E. Broholm Jensen, will be despatched from here on or about January 1, for the above-mentioned ports. Cargo accepted on through Bills of Lading to all Continental, Baltic and Scandinavian ports. Optional Bills of Lading issued to U.K. ports. For freight and passage apply to Agency of The East Asiatic Co., Ltd., 17 Canton Road. Tel. 15055. 1-1

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Vessels Discharging

AENEAS. From Liverpool arrived on Dec. 13, and is discharging her cargo at Holt's Wharf, Pootung. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" are further requested to send their representative to the Wharf to verify the weight of such cargo whilst being landed. Free storage period expires on December 22, 1938. Damaged cargo will be examined in the presence of a Customs Officer on Friday, December 16, at 10 a.m. Claims must be presented within 15 days of vessel's arrival. No insurance effected. Butterfield & Swire, Agents. 16-12

IXION. From Vancouver arrived on Dec. 13, and is discharging her cargo at Holt's Wharf, Pootung. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" are further requested to send their representative to the Wharf to verify the weight of such cargo whilst being landed. Free storage period expires on December 22, 1938. Damaged cargo will be examined in the presence of a Customs Officer on Saturday, December 17, at 10 a.m. Claims must be presented within 15 days of vessel's arrival. No insurance effected. Butterfield & Swire, Agents. 16-12

FLINTSHIRE. From London arrived on Dec. 15, and is discharging her cargo at Holt's Wharf, Pootung. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" are further requested to send their representative to the Wharf to verify the weight of such cargo whilst being landed. Free storage period expires on December 24, 1938. Damaged cargo will be examined in the presence of a Customs Officer on Monday, December 19, at 10 a.m. Claims must be presented within 15 days of vessel's arrival. No insurance effected. Butterfield & Swire, Inward Agents. 18-12

C. OF MANDALAY. The American & Manchurian Line steamship City of Mandalay, from U.S.A. via Ports.—This steamer is now discharging her cargo (except Prohibited Articles and Dangerous Goods) at Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature and to take immediate delivery of their cargo. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" will further be requested to send their representative to the Wharf to verify the weight of such cargo whilst being landed. All risk of fire at the Wharf and Godowns to be borne by Consignees of cargo. All Claims against this steamer must be sent in before December 31, 1938, or they will not be recognized. Damaged cargo will be examined on Friday, December 23, at 9 a.m. Bills of Lading must be produced at the examination. Lacey & Cannan, Ltd., Agents, American & Manchurian Line. 17-12

Post Office Notices

Earlier posting at Sub-Offices is requested in order to make connection with the below-mentioned closing times

(Last connecting time from Sub-Offices to Head Office is 19.35 on week days and 19.05 on Sunday).

Date and Destination	*Per*		*Reg.*	*Ord.*
FRIDAY, Dec. 16.				
Japan via Kobe	Taiyo M.		8.30	9.00
Foochow	Kwaisang		10.00	10.30
Wenchow	Tembien		12.30	13.00
Foochow	Shinkuang		13.30	14.00
Nantung	Nantung M.		14.30	15.00
Aust. N.Z. and Indo-China	Ixion		15.00	16.00
Hongkong and Canton	Ixion		15.30	16.00
Kiangpei Offices east of Jukao	Liwo		16.30	17.00
Pingyang	Pelikan		18.30	19.00
SATURDAY, Dec. 17.				
Tsingtao and Dairen	Tsingtao M.		*20.00	7.15
Foochow	Solviken	x	8.30	9.00
Swatow and Hongkong	Tingsang		9.30	10.00
Kwangtung	Tingsang		9.30	10.00
U.S.S.R. Europe via Siberia	Shengking		8.30	10.00
Weihaiwei Chefoo Tientsin	Shengking		9.30	10.00
H'kong Canton Aust. N.Z.	Temeraire	A	15.30	16.00
Kiangpei Offices east of Jukao	Wantung		16.30	17.00
Swatow and Hongkong	Suiyang		19.30	20.00
Kwangtung	Suiyang		19.30	20.00
Haimen Che.	Elbhof		19.30	20.00
Chefoo and Tientsin	Yusang		20.00	20.00
SUNDAY, Dec. 18.				
Kiangpei Offices east of Jukao	Liwo		16.00	16.00

* The night before.

A Parcel mail for S.S., F.M.S., Ceylon, Egypt, E-Soudan, Holland, Germany and other countries, closes at 12.00 on 17th.

X Provisional time—subject to alterations.

Ocean Mails for Europe and America.

Via Siberia by steamer to Tientsin or Chinwangtao for transmission.

Next steamer mails will be closed as follow:—

ss. Corfu, via Suez, December 20, due London January 21.

ss. Conte Biancamano, via Suez, Dec. 20, due London January 17.

ss. Empress of Russia, via Pacific, December 25, due London January 22.

Air Mails

Imperial Airways Service (Hongkong-Bangkok-London and Hongkong-Bangkok-Singapore-Australia) per ss. Ixion, at 4 p.m. on December 16, and due Bracciano, Italy on December 28, and London on December 29.

Pan American Airways Service (Hongkong-San Francisco) per ss. Menestheus, at 4 p.m. on Dec. 23, and due San Francisco on January 4.

Neth. (K.L.M.) Air Mail Service (Bandoeng-Amsterdam) per ss. Corfu, at 12.00 on December 20, and due Amsterdam on January 3, and London on January 4.

Royal Netherlands Indies' Airways K.N.I.L.M. (Saigon-Batavia-Sydney) per available steamer to Hongkong for transmission to Saigon.

Air France (Hanoi-Marseilles) from Hongkong per available steamer to Hanoi every Saturday.

Shanghai-Japan Air Mail Service:—Air mails close daily at 8 p.m.

Domestic Air Mail

Air mails for Nanking per Shanghai-Nanking Air Line close at 12.00 (At Yuhang Road Sub-Office daily at 11.30 a.m.

Air mails for Ningsia, Shensi, Szechwan, Yunnan, Kweichow, Hupeh (Shasi and west) and west thereof are to be forwarded to Hongkong for further transmission by the Hongkong-Chungking plane.

Train Mail

Light mails for or via Pengpu, Wuhu, N.S.R. and Lunghai (east of Yunho; Tungshan and Kaifeng) close daily, at 9.30 p.m.

Light mails for or via Hangchow close daily at 9 a.m. and 9.30 p.m.; for Kashing and Sunkiang close daily at 9 a.m.

Light mails for or via River Ports beyond Kiukiang per available steamer via Wenchow.

Light mails for Kiangpei Offices west and north of Jukao via Chinkiang close daily at 9.30 p.m.

Vessels Discharging

AFRIKA. The Motorship Afrika, from Copenhagen, Gothenburg, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg, Genoa and via ports.—The vessel is now discharging her cargo to the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co.'s HONGKEW WHARF. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading in exchange for delivery orders and to take immediate delivery of their goods. All claims against the ship must be sent in within seven days after completion of ship's discharge or they will not be recognized. Examination of Ship's damaged and broken cargo by Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes Davy will take place at the above wharf on Wednesday, the 21st instant, at 9 a.m. All risk of fire at the wharf and in the godowns to be borne by the consignee. Agency of The East Asiatic Co., Ltd., 17 Canton Road. Tel. 15055. 16-12

DUISBURG. From Hamburg, Bremen, Rotterdam, Antwerp, Genoa and via Ports.—This vessel is now discharging all her cargo, at the Old Ningpo Wharf, subject to the usual terms and conditions as shown on the Wharf Tariff. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their cargo. Consignees of "Bulk" cargo are further requested to send their representatives to the Wharf to verify the weights of such cargo whilst being landed. Damaged cargo will be examined at the Wharf on December 20, 1938, at 9.30 a.m., by the Surveyors, Tesdorff, Hannig & Co. No examination will be made after this date. All claims against this vessel must be sent in within fifteen days after the vessel's arrival. Claims sent in after this period will not be recognized. No Insurance will be effected. Hamburg-Amerika Linie Filiale Schanghai, No. 20 Canton Road. Tel. 18709. 16-12

Weather, Time and Tide

Friday, December 16, 1938 (25th day of 10th moon)	SICCAWEI December 14 16.00	21.00	December 15 4.00	9.00	GUTZLAFF 9.00	14.00
Barometer inches	30.28	30.32	30.29	30.34	—	—
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	—0.04	—0.06	—0.08	—0.08	—	—
at 32 F. („ „ 12 hrs.)	—0.09	—0.10	+0.01	+0.02	—	—
Wind (direction)	NE	ENE	ENE	NE	—	—
„ (miles per hour)	10.6	6.2	7.4	9.3	—	—
Temperature (Fahr.)	47.°8	45.°1	48.°6	51.°4	—	—
Humidity %	67	80	83	83	—	—
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	0	10	10	10	—	—
Rainfall inches	—	—	—	—	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report December 14	Mean 1938	24 hours variation	Previous average same period (65 years)
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.35	+0.04	30.32
Temp. Min. 43.°7 Max. 54.°7	49.°2	—	42.°8
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	48.18	—	43.82

Date	16/12	17/12	18/12	19/12	20/12	21/12	22/12	23/12	24/12
Sun rises at Shanghai	6.45	6.46	6.47	6.47	6.48	6.48	6.49	6.50	6.50
Sun sets at Shanghai	16.53	16.53	16.54	16.54	16.55	16.55	16.55	16.56	16.56
Moon rises at Shanghai	1.46	2.45	3.43	4.38	5.31	6.22	7.08	7.51	8.30
Moon sets at Shanghai	13.15	13.55	14.36	15.21	16.08	16.58	17.50	18.42	19.36
Flood makes Shai. 6 to 18.00	5.48	7.05	7.50	8.22	8.47	9.15	10.45	11.15	11.47
Ebb. makes Shai. 6 to 18.00	10.45	12.08	13.05	13.53	14.35	15.15	15.55	16.35	17.12
H.W. W'sung Bar 6 to 18.00	7.46	8.52	9.45	10.34	11.18	11.45	12.16	12.47	13.15
Height above L.L.W. (feet)	7.45	8.18	8.75	9.60	10.26	—	9.08	9.20	8.48

Yesterday's Arrivals

Name	*From*	*Consignees*
Afrika	Hongkong	E. Asiatic
Flintshire	Hongkong	B.&S.
Tembien	Wenchow	C.I.N.
Norse Carrier	Foochow	Wallem
Milazzo	Wenchow	T.C.C.
Kwaisang	Tientsin	Jardine
Temeraire	Japan	Dodwell
Pelikan	Wenchow	Reuter B.
Tangshan M.	Tsingtao	N.K.K.
Myoken M.	Japan	N.Y.K.
Chingyang M.	River Ports	N.K.K.
Bremerhaven	Foochow	Melchers
Tingsang	Tientsin	Jardine
Tsingtao M.	Dairen	D.K.K.
Elsie Moller	Tientsin	T.C.C.
Tseangtah	Tungchow	Mow Tung
Wantung	Haimen	B.&S.
Nantung M.	Nantung	N.K.K.
Dollar	River Ports	Parsons
Kiangting	Tungchow	Foo Hwa
Tejo	T'lungkong	I.C.R.N.
Ave-Maria	Tungchow	Tung Lee
Haikong	Hsinkong	Keh Lee
Liesel	Hupukow	Chin Dah
Shinkuang	Tientsin	G.L. Shaw

Yesterday's Departures

Name	*Flag*	*Despatcher*
Santarem	Port.	P.N.&T.
Santa Lucia	Port.	Encarnacao
Kiangting	Ger.	Foo Hwa
Suiwo	Br.	Jardine
Whangpu	Br.	B.&S.
Hanwo	Br.	Jardine
Luise	Ger.	Keh Lee
Liwo	Br.	Jardine
Don Joao	Port.	Tung Lee
Faro	Port.	P.N.&T.
Karsten	Ger.	Yen Foong
Rena	Br.	M.B.K.
Daishin M.	Jap.	N.K.K.
Sandro Sandri	Ital.	Tung Lee
Chingning M.	Jap.	N.K.K.
Patti	Ital.	Chang Yuen
Talien	Jap.	Wan Woo
Tsinan	Br.	B.&S.
Silversandal	Br.	J.C.J.L.
Wooling M.	Jap.	—
Dairen M.	Jap.	D.K.K.
Nagasaki M.	Jap.	N.Y.K.
Utsire	Nor.	Union S.S.
J. D. Ford 228	Am.	—
Ningkwang	Br.	A.P.C.
Nord	Pan.	T.C.C.
Don Jose	Port.	C.A.S.S.
Alice Moller	Br.	Mollers'
Arabia	Ital.	Lloyd T.
Taksang	Br.	Jardine

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For Keelung and Takao
TYOSA MARU .... Jan. 4

HONGKONG SAILINGS

For South America via Africa
LA PLATA MARU ...... Dec. 29
BUENOS AIRES MARU .. Jan. 26

For Africa
MANILA MARU .... Jan. 3
AFRICA MARU .... Feb. 3

For Calcutta
*HAVANA MARU ..... Jan. 2

KOBE SAILINGS

For New York via Panama Canal
*KWANSAI MARU ...... Jan. 15

For European Ports via New York
*KINAI MARU .... Jan. —
*NANKAI MARU ...... Feb. —

For Australia
MELBOURNE MARU ... Dec. 30
SYDNEY MARU .... Jan. 31

For New Zealand via Australia
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